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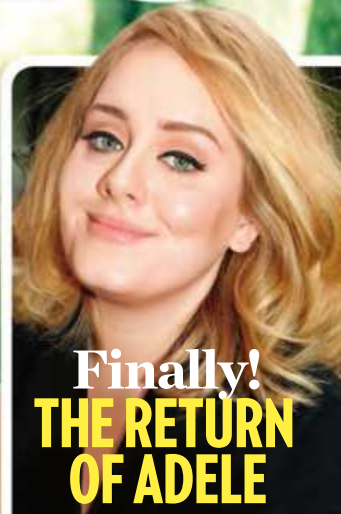
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### Khloé Kardashian Breaks Her Silence

The reality star spoke to **People** about her new life—just hours before **Lamar Odom** was found unconscious. Now Khloé opens up about her bedside vigil and what's next.  
**Plus** An exclusive excerpt from her revealing new book



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**'It's just like falling off a bike and getting back on, that's all: You don't forget where the pedals are.'**

—TRACY MORGAN, on performing again for the first time since his life-threatening car accident in June 2014, in a press release announcing his 2016 comedy tour



**'It must be EXHAUSTING to be that #Confident.'**

—WILMER VALDERRAMA, sharing a sleeping selfie of girlfriend Demi Lovato as "payback" for a similar one she posted of him, on Instagram

**'Some people said some really not nice things about the fact that there were women. It didn't make me mad. It just really bummed me out. We're really honoring those movies.'**

—KRISTEN WIIG, who found the controversy surrounding her all-female *Ghostbusters* reboot "surprising," to the *Los Angeles Times*



**Q & A**

## David Spade

*The comedian's book **Almost Interesting** is on shelves now*

**Did you give anyone a heads-up you were writing about them?**

I told Rob Schneider I wrote about how we had some friction at *SNL* and ironed it out. He said, "Be honest!"

**I hear you included some dating advice.**

Chick tricks! They're more jokey about how not to sound like a moron on dates. But I've realized I'm not married, so I'm not the best guy to give advice.

**Who was the first person to read it?**

My brother Andy and Norm Macdonald. I hope no one tells me bad stuff. I don't want to text someone, "How was it?" and get back, "Oof." Oof is never good. —MELODY CHIU

**'I would like to join any squad that would have me as a member.'**

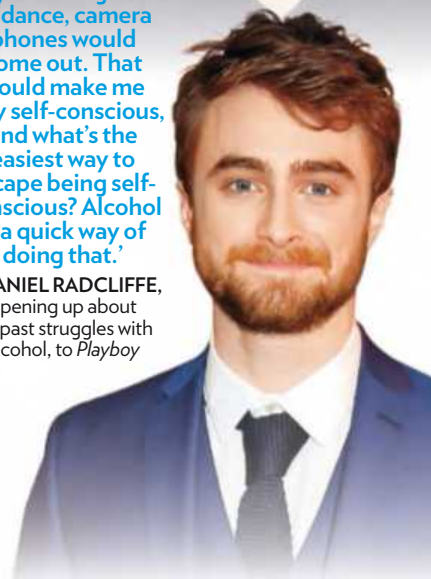
—AMY SCHUMER, who says she's "all for" girl squads, at *Elle's* Women in Hollywood Awards

**'Any time I'd go out to dance, camera phones would come out. That would make me very self-conscious, and what's the easiest way to escape being self-conscious? Alcohol is a quick way of doing that.'**

—DANIEL RADCLIFFE, opening up about his past struggles with alcohol, to *Playboy*

**'These are the things that make women self-conscious, that create the unrealistic ideals of beauty that we have.'**

—ZENDAYA, sharing an unretouched image of herself from a recent magazine photo shoot, on Instagram





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Drew Barrymore on finding happiness.

**'She not only survived, she thrived! Love her!'** **Shell** via people.com

### Drew Barrymore

She has done so well in overcoming obstacles from her childhood and appears to be doing an amazing job with her daughters.

**Debora** via people.com

Drew's life experiences shaped her into the woman, wife and mother she is today.

In my opinion she's right to embrace and accept her history and background.

**Anna** via people.com

Despite her most unconventional upbringing, Drew Barrymore is one classy and talented young woman. She has such a joyful and positive approach to

everything she does. I'm looking forward to reading her book.

**Elaine M.** via email

### Khloé and Lamar

I give Khloé a lot of credit for sticking with Lamar. He needs her support.

**Barbara** via email

It's sad that it came down to this for him. He's an addict, but I hope he will be okay and this time he will get clean. It is always a long struggle no matter how much you love someone, but Khloé seems to really love and care for him.

**Dezi** via people.com

### Liza Huber's Son's Cerebral Palsy

As the mother of a precious 2-year-old son with cerebral palsy, I am hopeful that this article will bring the needed

awareness to CP. I'm glad Huber was able to come to terms with his disability.

**Steph** via people.com

My son has cerebral palsy. I'll never understand the secrecy some people have about their children's conditions. It's a part of who they are. Don't shame them. Acknowledge it; discuss it with other people so they're educated on it. Advocate for them and others.

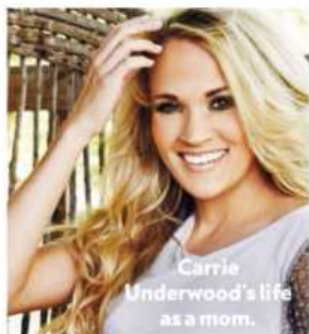
**Despina** via people.com

### Hayden Panettiere

I've been there. Postpartum depression is an issue that often gets overlooked in new moms. I'm happy that Panettiere is getting help, and I hope this serves as a message to other moms out there that help is available.

**Dee** via people.com

For **October 26, 2015**



### Carrie Underwood

Carrie Underwood is such an amazing wife and mother. Just knowing that she is teaching her son to grow up to have a loving heart toward people who are different shows what kind of person she really is—a warm and loving individual.

I wish other people could take a page out of her book.

**Judy Young** Rotterdam, N.Y.

I am so happy that she found happiness in her personal life in addition to the huge success that she has become. Kudos!

**Charlotte** via people.com

### Meri Brown

Clearly something was missing from her life if she felt the need to seek comfort from an online relationship with a stranger.

**Elisabeth** via people.com

### Nicole Maines

As a parent, I would accept my child unconditionally if he was transgender. It takes

a lot of courage to live daily with hate and bias.

**Gina** via people.com

**Corrections** In the Oct. 26 issue we incorrectly stated the name of the *Founding Father* on whom the musical *Hamilton* is based. It was Alexander Hamilton. In the Oct. 19 issue our story about the July 2015 theater shooting in Lafayette, La., incorrectly described the gunman's fate. He killed himself at the scene. In the same

story we misidentified two of the victims in the 2014 Marysville-Pilchuck High School shooting. Shaylee Chuckulnaskit and Zoë Galasso are correctly identified below. People regrets the errors.



**Shaylee Chuckulnaskit**

**Zoë Galasso**

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# StarTracks



## HEAR HER ROAR

*Des Moines,  
Oct. 24*

Katy Perry performs at a rally for Hillary Clinton (and snaps a selfie with the presidential candidate) before the Iowa Democratic Party's Jefferson-Jackson Dinner.



## IT'S A SIGN

*Hollywood, Oct. 26*

Sandra Bullock is the center of attention as she arrives at the premiere of her newest film, *Our Brand Is Crisis*.



## LOOKING GREAT, MELISSA!

*L.A., Oct. 23*

Melissa McCarthy stuns on the red carpet while hosting Brian Atwood's Celebration of *PUMPED*.

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## GOOD GENES

**Burbank, Oct. 24**  
Gwyneth Paltrow thanked her “fierce, trailblazer” mom, **Blythe Danner**, while accepting the Green Parent Award at the 25th Annual Environmental Media Awards.



## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

**Beverly Hills, Oct. 23**  
“Mommy’s looking hot, and it’s date night!” **Justin Timberlake** exclaimed while accepting the Inspiration Award with wife **Jessica Biel** at the 2015 GLSEN Respect Awards.



## STYLE STARS

**L.A., Oct. 26**

Dakota Johnson and Selena Gomez strike a pose with the woman behind their chic looks—stylist **Kate Young**—as they arrive at the *InStyle* Awards.





## SMOKE SCREEN

**Hollywood, Oct. 24**

**Rihanna** performs at CBS Radio's We Can Survive concert at the Hollywood Bowl. The star-powered evening also included performances from Sam Smith and Demi Lovato.



## POSING PRETTY

**West Hollywood, Oct. 22**

**Kaia Gerber** (Cindy Crawford's 14-year-old daughter, left) and **Sarah Hyland** sizzle in black at the launch party for the Wildfox Loves Coca-Cola Capsule Collection.



## SING IT, SISTER! **Los Angeles, Oct. 22**

**Rebel Wilson** hits all the high notes alongside singers **Hugh Sheridan** (left) and **Emile Welman** of the California Crooners Club to celebrate the debut of her new fashion line, Rebel Wilson for Torrid.



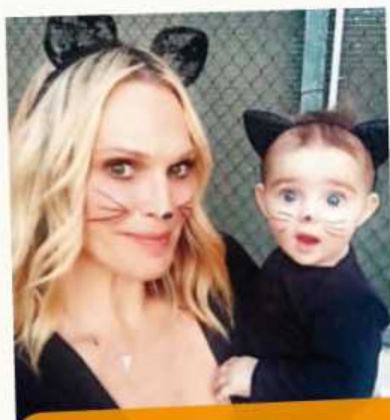
## FAMILY AFFAIR

Naomi Watts and her sons Sasha and Kai go as "The Lion, the Witch and the Whackjob," per Mom's silly Instagram snap.



## PURR-FECT PAIR

Molly Sims marks 7-month-old daughter Scarlett's first Halloween with a sweet Insta selfie of the two of them dressed as black cats.



## CRAZY COSTUMES

Los Angeles, Oct. 24

A virtually unrecognizable Colton Haynes (with a friend) pulls off an epic transformation into Ursula from *The Little Mermaid* at Matthew Morrison's Halloween Masquerade Ball, sponsored by Dos Equis.



## HOLLYWOOD HALLOWEEN!

## BLONDE BOMBSHELL

Model Miranda Kerr makes a very convincing Marilyn Monroe, rocking the blonde hair, red lips and iconic white dress from Monroe's *The Seven Year Itch*.



## BURGER BANDIT

Los Angeles, Oct. 24

Nick Jonas looks good enough to eat in his Hamburglar costume at the *Maxim* and Karma International Halloween party.



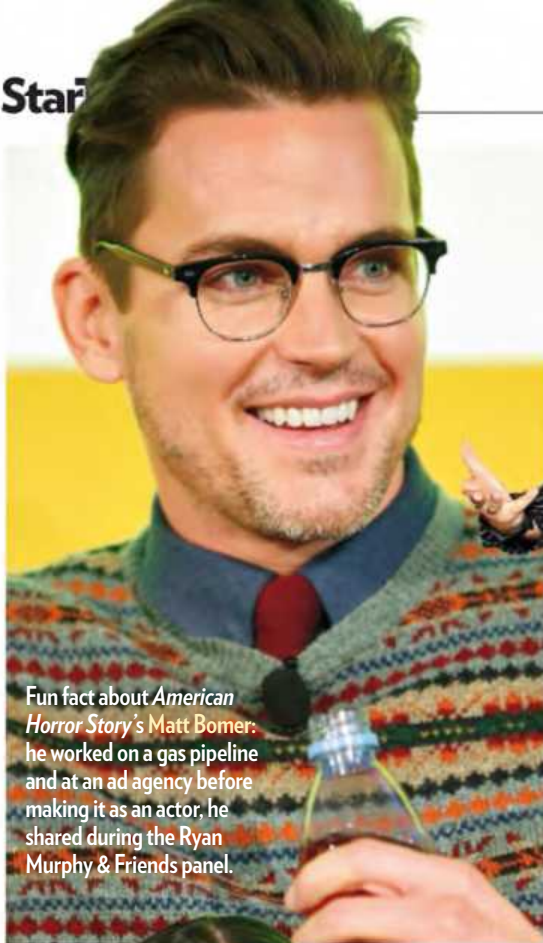
## SPICE UP YOUR LIFE

Los Angeles, Oct. 24

Girl power! Nina Dobrev (a.k.a. Posh Spice, left) and some pals dress up as the Spice Girls at Matthew Morrison's Halloween Masquerade Ball.



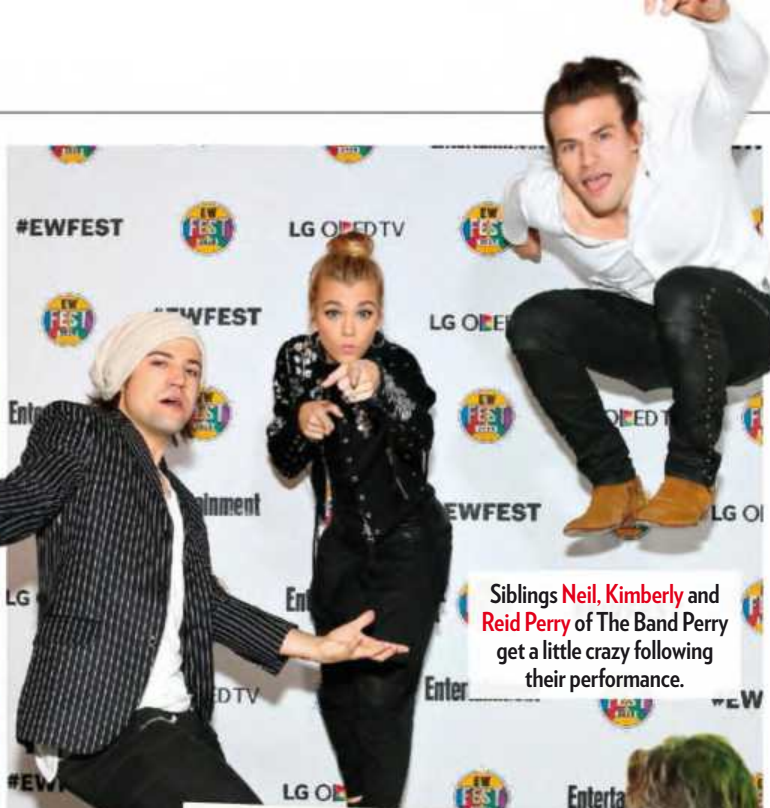




Fun fact about *American Horror Story*'s Matt Bomer: he worked on a gas pipeline and at an ad agency before making it as an actor, he shared during the Ryan Murphy & *Friends* panel.



On the Ryan Murphy & *Friends* panel, *Scream Queens* star Lea Michele revealed she used to work in a bat mitzvah dress shop.



Siblings Neil, Kimberly and Reid Perry of The Band Perry get a little crazy following their performance.



How did Aziz Ansari get his parents to star on his new show *Master of None*? By saying, "If you love me, you'll do this."

## Entertainment EW FEST 2015 N.Y.C., Oct. 24

Where could you hear about Aziz Ansari going to space with Jon Hamm, and Kathy Bates loving Lady Gaga? The first inaugural EW Fest, which brought small-screen stars, YouTubers, YA authors and more together to talk all things pop culture.



During a chat about *Empire*, Taraji P. Henson (with Jussie Smollett, left) joked that character Cookie Lyon is "my Sasha Fierce."



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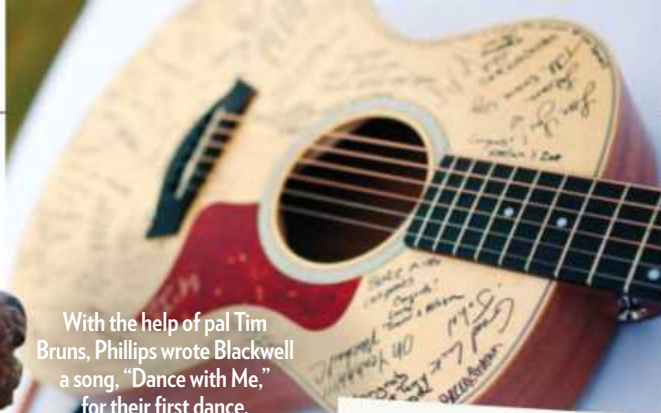
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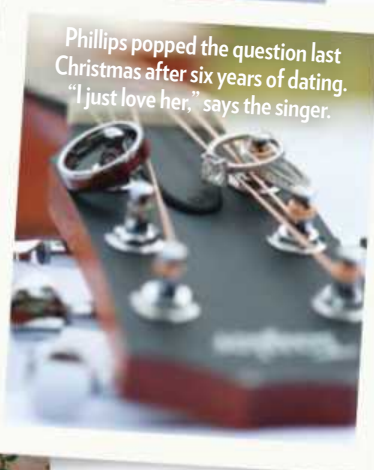
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"She's my best friend, and I can tell her anything," says the season 11 *American Idol* winner (in Billy Reid) of his new wife, Hannah Blackwell (in a Hayley Paige gown).



With the help of pal Tim Bruns, Phillips wrote Blackwell a song, "Dance with Me," for their first dance. "It's pretty amazing," he says.



Phillips popped the question last Christmas after six years of dating. "I just love her," says the singer.

At the reception, guests dined on southern staples like fried ham biscuits and mashed potatoes. And for dessert? Hot skillet chocolate chip cookies and a wedding cake with an underlay of chocolate frosting.

## AMERICAN IDOL'S PHILLIP PHILLIPS WEDS HANNAH BLACKWELL

Albany, Ga., Oct. 24



Surrounded by 250 of their closest friends and family, Phillips and Blackwell exchanged custom vows under a large oak tree on Resora Plantation. "We both love the landscape down here in the South," says Blackwell, whose eight bridesmaids wore mismatched black gowns.





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**Allison Williams**  
in a Lanvin gown with Fred Leighton bangles and earrings at the Fashion Group International Night of Stars Gala in N.Y.C.

**Zoë Kravitz**  
in a Calvin Klein Collection two-piece ensemble at *Elle's* Women in Hollywood Awards in Los Angeles.

**Kate Hudson**  
in a Balmain halter column gown with Lorraine Schwartz and Ofira jewels at the New York City premiere of *Rock the Kasbah*.

**Ashley Benson**  
in a Haney midi and a BCBG blazer with Stuart Weitzman heels, Jennifer Meyer jewelry and an Oron clutch at the MTV European Music Awards in Milan.

**Sienna Miller**  
in a Rodarte mini and Christian Louboutin sandals at the N.Y.C. premiere of *Burnt*.

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"She has a natural intellectual and artistic authority," says Dolan about working with Adele. "We just trusted each other."

ADELE

## HER TRIUMPHANT RETURN

BY MELODY CHIU

HELLO INDEED, ADELE. THREE YEARS AFTER sweeping the Grammy Awards with her second album, *21*, the singer made a hugely anticipated return Oct. 23 with "Hello," the first single off her upcoming album *25*. "Obviously, I took a lot of time off because I became a mum," she told BBC Radio 2. "And then when I thought I was ready to start writing, I wasn't. . . . So I took some more time off. And then I was ready." But the singer admits

she was "nervous" to unveil her new music. "A couple of times, I thought I'd dried up," she said. "There was also a period where I thought, 'Maybe I should just go out on a high.' I didn't want to come back with anything that people wouldn't like." She needn't have worried. The video for the song broke a Vevo record by racking up 27.7 million views in just 24 hours, and superstar superfans—including Kelly Clarkson, Katy Perry and Sam Smith—raved

about her return. ("This look @adele actually made me scream like a little girl," Smith captioned a still from the video on Instagram.)

Adele tapped Xavier Dolan to direct the top-secret video, and the two "spent the afternoon talking about our families and our friends and our lives" during their first meeting, he tells *People*. "The song was so inspiring right away, and so was Adele. She's so generous and authentic." They swapped ideas over FaceTime and Skype, and a small crew shot the video over five days in July. "She was such a good sport," says Dolan. "It was very funny, very emotional." Although the video features a romance turned sour, the singer says the song isn't about a particular relationship. "It's about everyone that I love," she told BBC Radio 2. "I felt like a lot of stuff in my life has changed."

The biggest change since her last album, of course, has been motherhood. While the rest of the world has "Hello" on repeat, her little boy—she and partner Simon Konecki



Kate Hudson posted an Instagram photo of herself crying to Adele's new single (above, a still from the video). Below: Adele, with Barbra Streisand, celebrating her Oscar win in 2013.



welcomed son Angelo, 3, in 2012—is her toughest critic. "He doesn't really like my music," she told the BBC. "So I sing 'Twinkle, Twinkle,' 'Row, Row, Row Your Boat,' 'Peppa Pig.'" And though there's still "some darkness" on her new album, that's the only place she

**'THERE WAS ALSO A PERIOD WHERE I THOUGHT, 'MAYBE I SHOULD JUST GO OUT ON A HIGH'**  
—ADELE ON POSSIBLY QUITTING MUSIC

really has room left in her life for drama. "Becoming a parent, you've only got so much custody and space to worry about things, so I have to let go of all those things," she told SiriusXM. "I'm at a turning point in my life where I'm really moving on."

—With reporting by Jeffrey Nelson



Green and his fiancée, Shani James, in L.A. in February.

## CATCHING UP WITH... CEELO GREEN

**Congratulations on your engagement! Why keep it quiet for a year?**

Truth be told, it's not something we wanted to promote. We're a collective power because our private life is sacred. You know what, though? Maybe it's time for the world to know I have a loving woman supporting me the entire way.

**What was the inspiration for "Work," the first single off your new album *Heart Blanche*?**

"Working Class Hero." Sorry, John [Lennon]. I'm fortunate to be able to do what I love for a living, but the fact that we have to work is not always enjoyable. I need the motivation! [See the song's upbeat music video on Nov. 9 on the StarShop app.]

**What do you miss the most about being a coach on *The Voice*?**

I miss the love and the cast and crew. Over the years I was there, you make real friendships. Blake [Shelton] is a good friend, but then again, I don't miss Blake because we still talk a lot! —CHRISTINA DUGAN




**ONE to WATCH**

## PETE DAVIDSON

For the 21-year-old comedian, now in his second season in the cast of NBC's *Saturday Night Live*, being the youngest performer onstage has its advantages. "It's one of those weird things where if I suck, it's okay because I'm young," says Davidson. "But if I'm good, it's like 'Oh wow, he's so young!' It's nice."

—JANINE RAYFORD RUBENSTEIN





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Kody and Robyn with kids (left to right), Dayton, Aurora and Breanna on June 17. Inset: Kody and his wives.

# SISTER WIVES EMOTIONAL ADOPTION

MERI BROWN CAUGHT HER husband, Kody, off guard when she announced plans to divorce him so that he could legalize his “spiritual marriage” to Robyn and adopt her three children from a previous marriage. But for Meri and the rest of the family—whose polygamist lifestyle is documented on TLC’s *Sister Wives*—the decision was simple. “The kids really wanted to be adopted and have their legal name be Brown,” Meri says of Robyn’s kids Dayton, Aurora and Breanna. So after “restructuring” their family (which includes four “wives” and 17 children), the adoption became official on June 17. Adds Robyn: “When most plural families are in a courtroom, they are getting torn apart, and we were uniting ours. It was really cool and a validation of our family.” —EMILY STROHM



MELISSA BENOIST

## Meet TV’s Supergirl!

LOOK, UP IN THE SKY, IT’S ALLY MCKRYPTON! THE FORMER *GLEE* ACTRESS, 27, STARS AS CBS’S QUIRKY, FEMINIST SUPERHEROINE

### What did your training for the role entail?

I grew up [in Colorado] as a dancer, so I was used to being aware of my body, but this was on a different level. It was, like, lifting weights and jumping onto things and doing planks for much longer than I ever want to do planks again.

### How does it feel to see yourself in the suit?

It really changes me from the inside out. I’m usually such a horrible sloucher, but I stand differently. My shoulders are magically back. I feel strong and I walk differently. It’s a cool feeling.

### What’s been the most fun you’ve had on the set?

Everything. Whether it’s some kind of action sequence—like, I’m throwing a lot of punches and kicks or I’m flying on the green screen. There’s just something every day that I get to pause and be grateful for.

### When you aren’t working, how do you unwind?

I have a pottery wheel at home. I read a lot of books and see a lot of movies. Work is so fast-paced, I like to kind of slow things down a bit.

—JULIE JORDAN



The winter issue of *V Magazine* hits stands Nov. 12.

## BRAD PITT ON WORKING WITH ANGELINA

Brad Pitt enjoys seeing Angelina Jolie Pitt in a position of power. “I trust her with my life,” Pitt says in *V Magazine*’s winter issue of being directed by his wife in *By the Sea* (in theaters Nov. 13). “She’s decisive, incredibly intuitive, knife-sharp and, might I say, sexy at her post.” Jolie Pitt wrote and costars in the film, which the couple shot after their wedding in August 2014. Pitt admits filming a relationship drama wasn’t “the wisest way to spend a honeymoon,” but “what better metaphor for marriage” than “fighting to make something together.”

—PATRICK GOMEZ



# FAREWELL TO KATNISS

In time for *Mockingjay 2*, Tim Palen (Lionsgate chief brand officer and president of worldwide marketing) is releasing new photos from the upcoming film in his book *Tim Palen: Photographs from The Hunger Games*, out Nov. 20. Recalls Palen of shooting Jennifer Lawrence: "Jen said to me, 'You know, this is probably the last time I'll ever wear this costume.' Somehow her saying it made it poignantly more real."

**MORE MOCKINGJAY**  
Watch for *People's Hunger Games* special edition (with a look inside all four films!), out Nov. 13.

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## POWER TRIO

"I'm really sparkly," Wilson (with Chris, left, and Goulding) says of her wardrobe.



## ROYALS ON BROADWAY!

**King Charles III**, opening on Broadway Nov. 1, imagines how Queen Elizabeth's death might spur family dysfunction among Oliver Chris's dutiful William, Lydia Wilson's scheming Kate and Richard Goulding's raucous Harry (more Vegas than valiant). But do the stars' real-life muses approve? "I think some of Harry's mates came in once and had a good laugh," says Goulding.

## Britney's Virgin Diaries

In April Britney Spears told *People* she was a fan of *Jane the Virgin*. Next thing the pop star knew, she was being offered the chance to appear as herself on the CW dramedy. "I'm so freaking stoked," *Jane* star Gina Rodriguez says of getting to share the screen with Spears. "She was literally the first pop star I ever knew existed."



Spears appears on the Nov. 9 episode.



### ABC's Early Birds

*Good Morning America* premiered from ABC's studios in New York with David Hartman and Nancy Dussault, who went on to star in the sitcom *Too Close for Comfort*. Hartman signed off every day with his signature line "Make it a good day today" before leaving in 1987.



Nov. 3,  
1975

Feb. 2,  
1983

### Star Turns

David Hartman interviewed an 8-year-old Drew Barrymore about her breakout role in the Steven Spielberg classic *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*.



### Family Fun

During her run on the show, Joan Lunden—here with daughter Jamie—welcomed three of her seven children.



Aug. 28,  
1980

Sept. 14,  
2011



### Royal Reporting

"The day Robin came back from her health battle, hearing her say 'Good Morning, America' was thrilling," says cohost George Stephanopoulos of Roberts (left, with Lara Spencer at Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee celebration).

June 5,  
2012

June 2,  
2015

### Tragedy at Home

In the days following 9/11, cohosts Charles Gibson and Diane Sawyer reported on the ongoing developments from Times Square.



# GMA CELEBRATES 40 YEARS!

A LOOK BACK AT A FEW OF  
THE ABC MORNING SHOW'S  
MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS

—EMILY STROHM

### The Morning Squad

"One of my favorite *GMA* moments was flying the same type of plane that my dad flew when he was a Tuskegee Airman," says Robin Roberts (with, from left, Amy Robach, Jesse Palmer, Michael Strahan, George Stephanopoulos, Ginger Zee and Lara Spencer).







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John Jovanovic  
and Daphne Oz

## BABIES

**Daphne Oz** and husband **John Jovanovic**, both 29, welcomed their second child on Oct. 21. The baby boy joins big sister **Philomena Bijou**, 20 months.

## WEDDINGS

**Jason Mraz** married his longtime girlfriend **Christina Carano** in an outdoor ceremony in his hometown of Mechanics-

ville, Va., on Oct. 25. "Today I was made the luckiest man in the world," Mraz, 38, captioned a photo of his new bride on Instagram. ● YouTube stars **Aspyn Ovard**, 19, and **Parker Ferris**, 20, wed on Oct. 23 in Utah.

## COURTS

**Adacia Chambers**, 25, faces murder charges and is being held on \$1 million bond after allegedly driving her car into a crowd at Oklahoma State University's homecoming parade on Oct. 24 in Stillwater, Okla. The incident killed four people and injured at least 45 others. Police have claimed she was under the influence at the time of the accident. Her lawyer has denied the allegations.

## SPLITS

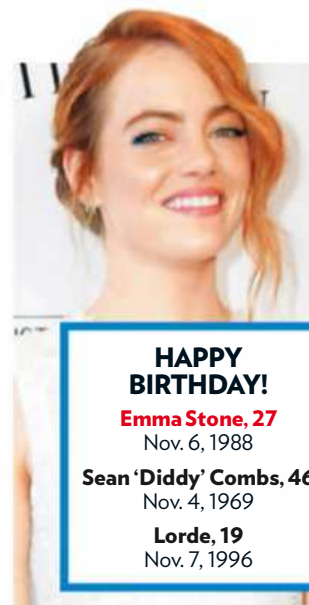
**Dancing with the Stars** alum and Iraq war veteran **Noah Galloway**, 33, and his fiancée, **Jamie Boyd**, have called off their engagement, he revealed on Instagram on Oct. 26.

## DEATHS

Actress **Maureen O'Hara** died on Oct. 24 at the age of 95. The star of *Miracle on 34th Street* and *The Parent Trap*, she was



Maureen  
O'Hara



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Emma Stone**, 27

Nov. 6, 1988

**Sean 'Diddy' Combs**, 46

Nov. 4, 1969

**Lorde**, 19

Nov. 7, 1996

called the Queen of Technicolor because of her striking red hair and green eyes. ● Longtime NBA coach **Flip Saunders** died of cancer on Oct. 25. He was 60. ● Makeup artist **Jake Bailey**, 37, was found dead in his L.A. home on Oct. 23 of an apparent suicide. "No one holds a brush to you, friend," Katy Perry wrote on Instagram. "Be free now."

By Harriet Sokmensuer



## Why I Care

PERSONAL STORIES  
ABOUT GIVING  
BACK



"Things do get better if we work at it," says Keys (in South Africa in 2010).

## Alicia Keys

The singer and activist, 34, helps raise funds for the fight against HIV/AIDS

I went to South Africa near the beginning of my career and visited clinics where mothers had babies with HIV or AIDS. They just wanted medicine to keep them alive. I thought, "How can something be available, but you can't have it because you're poor?" That's why I cofounded Keep a Child Alive, and we started the annual Black Ball fund-raiser. Now that I'm a mom, I realize we also have to talk to our kids about having compassion for people infected or affected by AIDS. About a decade ago I met a young girl who had lost both of her parents. A few years ago she interviewed me at a radio station in South Africa. I was bursting with pride. Because of the support of Keep a Child Alive she is going to be such a powerful force in society. My dream is to know that we have created an AIDS-free generation.

—REPORTED BY NICK MASLOW

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A DOZEN COOL THINGS TO SEE, HEAR, READ AND DOWNLOAD THIS WEEK

Cohen and  
Ronan are the  
picture of  
young love.



## No. 1 Brooklyn

Saoirse Ronan makes this tale of a homesick girl in a new land feel like heaven on earth

**MOVIE**

**ROMANCE** It's tough to watch *Brooklyn* without giving in to a swoony grin. The film (based on Colm Toibín's novel) follows Eilis Lacey (Ronan) from Ireland to America, where she works in a posh store and lives in a boardinghouse. Homesick, she meets Tony (Emory Cohen), who makes her feel like her heart is in two countries. Ronan is enrapturing, as Eilis embraces her new American self, while Cohen's Tony is endlessly charming. But there's no monopoly on charisma. Julie Walters, Jim Broadbent and Domhnall Gleeson get most of the laughs amid all the romance. One caution: Careful who you take with you to *Brooklyn*, because you'll leave in love with somebody. (Nov. 4, PG-13)





Ann Dowd, Bullock and Reynaldo Pacheco play a dirty political game.

**No. 2** **Our Brand Is Crisis**  
Sandra Bullock goes negative—and positive  
**MOVIE** **COMEDY-DRAMA** Nobody hires campaign consultant “Calamity” Jane Bodine (Bullock) because they have ideals. They hire her to win—or they did before she fell apart. To rekindle her fire, Jane backs a long-shot Bolivian presidential hopeful (Joaquim de Almeida). But is a win for him a win for her? Bullock nicely balances Jane’s old shark tactics against her emerging better self, her grandstands against her missteps. Her energy with rival Pat Candy (Billy Bob Thornton) is fun, but *Crisis* is best when Jane is on her own, puzzling out her inner crisis—a signature of the Bullock brand. (Oct. 30, R)

**No. 3** **Various Artists, We Love Disney**  
**MUSIC** **POP** It’s a small world after all when you can recruit this many hot stars (Rascal Flatts and Jessie Ware among them) to sing 15 classics from the Disney canon. Standout performers include Fall Out Boy, transforming *The Jungle Book*’s “I Wan’na Be Like You” into a pop-punk fantasy, and Kacey Musgraves, who gives “A Spoonful of Sugar” a sprinkling of her own sassy, twangy magic. You’ll feel like a kid again.



The magic singdom: Ariana Grande (top), Jason Derulo and Tori Kelly.



Bear Brown’s pet project: building a tree house he can call home.

**No. 4** **Alaskan Bush People**  
**TV** **REALITY** The

Browns—a big, woodsy family so dedicated to a life not lubricated by niceties that one son shaves with axle grease—are back for season 3. Net-fishing for salmon, they’re boisterous and fractious, which isn’t surprising. But there’s also a more interesting strain of excitable eccentricity: Tinkering at night, son Noah creates an odd magnifying headlamp-helmet thing. “Too cool!” says brother Mark. (*Discovery*, Nov. 11, 9 p.m.)



A volunteer is about to be tested to see how quickly a thought can change and a person can respond.

**No. 5** **Breakthrough**  
**TV** **SCIENCE** This

documentary series has more razzamatazz than most. It’s produced by Ron Howard and Brian Grazer, with Brett Ratner among the directors, but the subject is what dazzles: the ingenuity (and sweat) behind innovations that stop pandemics, repair the mind and more. The planet is full of breakage, yet the heroic researchers here always find new glue. (*National Geographic*, Nov. 1, 9 p.m.)





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No. **6** **Burnt**  
Bradley Cooper simmers.  
**MOVIE** **DRAMA** The beauty and precision of a culinary creation by chef Adam Jones (Cooper) run counter to the mess inside his head. Now sober (but not humbled), he's seeking a third Michelin star as he pushes away his new protégée (Sienna Miller). Cooper—often barking in fluent French—makes a delectable madman. (Oct. 30, R)  
MORE ON COOPER AND MILLER ON PAGE 48.



Cooper plays a perfectionist with deep flaws.

I LOVE Kellie Pickler

No. **9** **Country Music TV Awards**  
**SPECIAL** Purists quibble that Sam Hunt is more pop than country, but—come on!—any music genre that knows the public-relations and market value of a photogenic dude would mud wrestle over him. So, country, you win. He's up for new artist and two other awards in this year's CMAs, hosted by ever dependable Brad Paisley and Carrie Underwood. (ABC, Nov. 4, 8 p.m.)



Triple nominee Hunt will be performing too.

No. **10** **Gwen Stefani, 'Used to Love You'**  
**MUSIC** **POP** Judging by the sharp emotional U-turn in the chorus—"I remembered for the first time since I hated you that I used to love you"—Gwen Stefani's breakup anthem could be said to be about a bruised heart tossed between anger and acceptance. If Stefani needs any comfort in her split from Gavin Rossdale, there's this: Newly single listeners everywhere will be hitting repeat.







Odeya Rush, Jack Black, Ryan Lee and Minnette fight Stine's demons.

**No. 7** **MOVIE** **ACTION** Those creepy kids' books by R.L. Stine (Jack Black) aren't just spooky—they're lethal. When Zach (Dylan Minnette) unlocks a Stine manuscript, he unleashes its monsters too. Smart, funny chaos ensues, with sly jokes for *Goosebumps* fans. (Now playing, PG)

**No. 8** **TV** **Horror** **Ash vs Evil Dead**

For this spinoff of the *Evil Dead* movies, Bruce Campbell returns to the role that made him a cult star. Ash Williams, a barrel-chested, middle-aged loser who carries himself as proudly as if he were Liam Neeson, accidentally lets loose a force of occult wickedness. He fights back with a potent spell of chivalry, fury and stupidity. The show is gory, funny slop. (Starz, Oct. 31, 9 p.m.)



The chain saw says it all: Campbell with Dana DeLorenzo.



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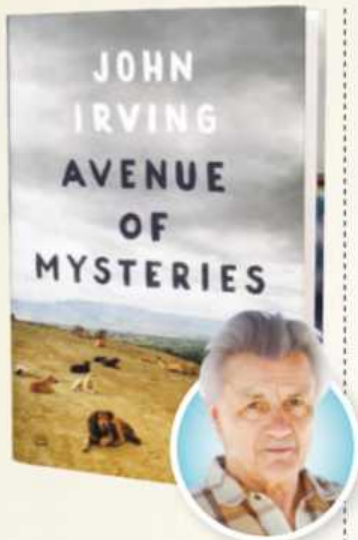
Jonny Lee Miller with his Dr. (Joan) Watson, Lucy Liu.

**No. 11** **TV** **Drama** **Elementary** Never underestimate the staying power of Sherlock Holmes or a well-conceived CBS series. Season 4 begins with Jonny Lee Miller's modern-day Holmes relaunching his sleuthing career after a drug relapse. Miller's take on the character is very much his own: ravaged, dark, blighted by what his father (John Noble) calls "a malignant sense of self-righteousness." (CBS, Nov. 5, 10 p.m.)

# No. 12 The Best New Books

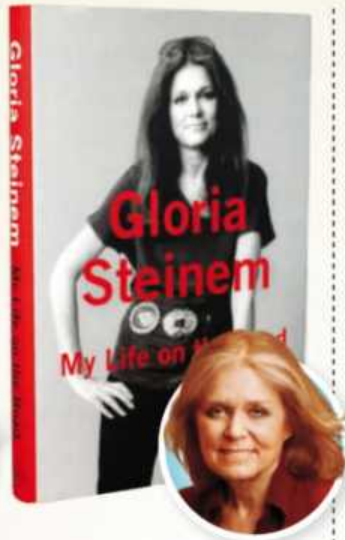
Drew Barrymore on finding fulfillment, Gloria Steinem on the lessons of travel and a new literary treasure from John Irving EDITED BY KIM HUBBARD

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## John Irving *Avenue of Mysteries*

**NOVEL** Irving's 14th novel centers on Juan Diego, a novelist who constantly slips into dreams of his youth in Mexico and his mind-reading sister Lupe. The character is a captivating original; his tale includes humor, pathos and acute observations. Once again Irving charms by blending the fantastical with what is deeply, affectingly real.



## Gloria Steinem *My Life on the Road*

**MEMOIR** Gloria Steinem doesn't drive, but she has spent decades on the road, traveling as an activist to campuses, conferences, Indian reservations. In her wise, appealing memoir, this legendary feminist makes a compelling case for traveling as listening: a way of letting strangers' stories flow, as she puts it, "out of our heads and into our hearts."



## Drew Barrymore *Wildflower*

**NONFICTION** "I have become more private every year," Barrymore writes, "and yet these stories were beating at the door of my heart, screaming, 'Let me out!!!!!!'" In this thoughtful, engaging book, the actress shares tales from her unconventional childhood, tributes to her mentors (Steven Spielberg, agent Bryan Lourd), scenes from her friendship with Cameron Diaz and her wonder at the joys of mothering her two young daughters. You'll root for her every step of the way.

## NEW IN NONFICTION

**Jenny Long with Bob Der**  
*Expect a Miracle*  
Since 2011 Conner Long, now 12, and his brother Cayden, 10, who has cerebral palsy, have finished more than 20 triathlons. This is their inspiring story.

**Rick Bragg**  
*My Southern Journey*  
The master Alabama storyteller (and Pulitzer Prize winner) waxes eloquent on everything from white gravy to "the gift of loafing."

**James Kaplan**  
*Sinatra: The Chairman*  
Kaplan's *Frank* came out in 2010—do we need 900 pages more on Ol' Blue Eyes? This intriguing bio, timed to his 100th birthday, will convince you we do.



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# 'I've Realized How Strong I Am'

SPEAKING TO PEOPLE FROM THE HOSPITAL BEDSIDE OF **LAMAR ODOM**, THE REALITY STAR TALKS MARRIAGE, DIVORCE—AND WHY SHE'LL NEVER GIVE UP ON HIM *By* **AILI NAHAS**

*Photographs by* **RUVEN AFANADOR**

**I**t should have been a fun day. On Oct. 13 Khloé Kardashian playfully posed for photos for *People* and then spoke candidly about life, love and her doomed marriage to Lamar Odom. But just hours later she learned the heartbreaking news that Odom, who turns 36 on Nov. 6, had been found unresponsive at a Nevada brothel. After flying to his bedside in Las Vegas—and taking control of all medical decisions while refusing to leave his side as he battles pneumonia and kidney damage—a decidedly more somber Kardashian spoke to *People*'s Aili Nahas once again, this time in whispers as she sat in the room with Odom. "You never know what to expect in life," she says. "I love Lamar, and I'll always be there for him like I promised."

After hearing the news, "I had to get there," she says. "All I wanted was for him to be okay." Miraculously, Odom awoke from the coma on Oct. 16 after three days in which, sources say, the family was "preparing for the worst." He was then transferred to a Los Angeles hospital three days later, where he remains in treatment. Kardashian says the former athlete is far from recov-


ered. "Every hour is different," she says. "It goes up and it goes down. Things are progressing, but it's a very serious situation." As is her marriage. Tasked with making his medical decisions, Kardashian, 31, called off the divorce many believed was finalized. (Papers had been signed, but the marriage was not officially dissolved.) But the star says that does not mean they're reconciling. "I pulled back on the divorce because there is no rush for it," she says. "For medical decisions and a ton of other things, it's just smarter that it's put on hold. But that does not mean I'm back with Lamar. It's not even in our brains to think about us having a relationship. Only time will tell. There is a very long road ahead of him, and he has to walk that road by himself. But I'll be there supporting him every step of the way."

In her earlier interview Kardashian tackled topics spanning her childhood, her weight, her reclusive brother Rob and, of course, her marriage. Here the reality star, whose book *Strong Looks Better Naked* hits stands Nov. 3, opens up about the challenges she says forced her to learn resilience.









**'I actively try  
not to worry  
about the  
what-ifs.  
I can't worry  
about that  
anymore'**





**'I'm still learning about myself, but I hope that never stops.**

**I hope I always want to evolve and progress'**

—KHOLOE KARDASHIAN

routine. I was really stressed and I needed a release. It started becoming a healthy obsession. A side effect is I lost weight, but that was never my intention. It was all for my mental sanity.

**After they returned home to Los Angeles in summer 2012, Khloé's marriage began to crumble as rumors of Odom's infidelities—and then drug use—persisted.**

I don't think what happened was anything intentional or that [Lamar] was being malicious. I don't believe in airing other people's dirty laundry, especially when you love someone. [During that time] the gym was my escape. It released a lot for me, and it's the best outlet I could choose. We went to couples therapy, and the therapist would say, "You're so calm about everything," and I would say, "That's because I've processed it."

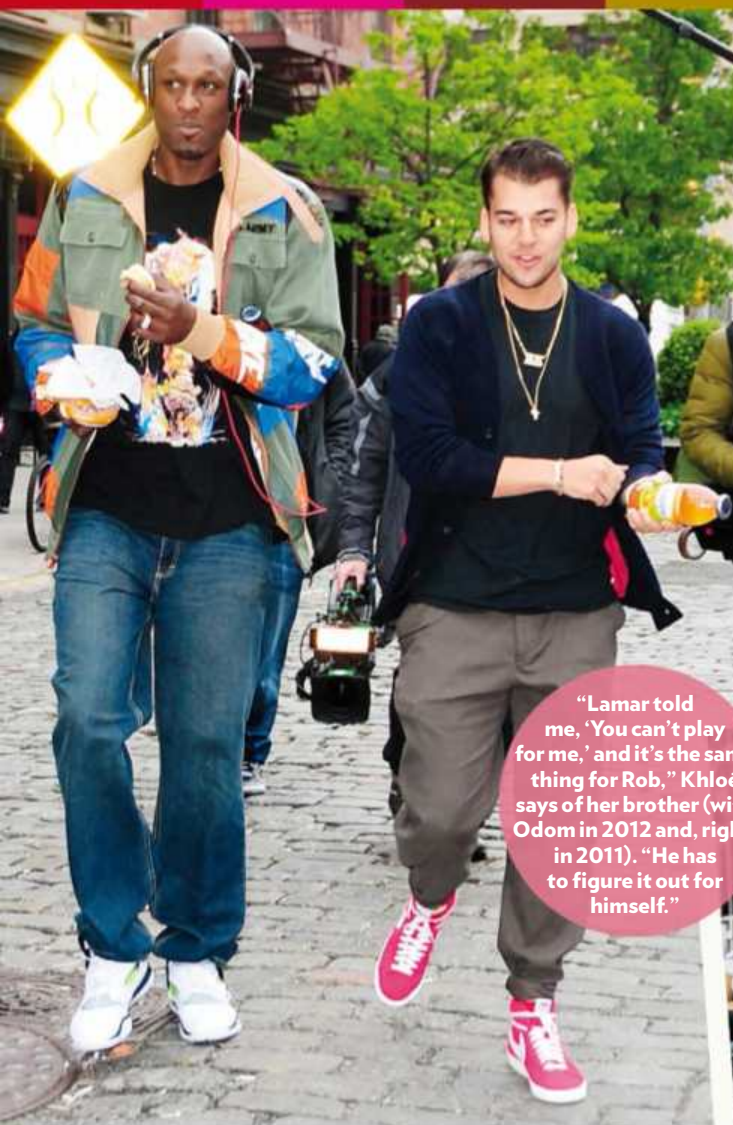
**After a tumultuous year, Khloé finally filed for divorce in December 2013. "It was a choice I**

**had to make," she says now. "But I will always love him. You don't have to be with someone in order to love him."**

If you asked me a year before, I would have never said I was going to get a divorce. I never wanted it to end. But I know I did everything I could. Divorce was my last option. But I would rather have had [our marriage] for that limited time than to never have had it at all. It was the most magical, special time in my life, and I know what we had was really rare.

**Now, while her heart remains open, Khloé looks toward an uncertain future: "I can't tell you what tomorrow will bring."**

There's so much truth to [the saying] "God doesn't give you what you can't handle." I've definitely realized how strong I am. You never know [what's going to happen]. And that's the beautiful and scary thing about life. ●



"Lamar told me, 'You can't play for me,' and it's the same thing for Rob," Khloé says of her brother (with Odom in 2012 and, right, in 2011). "He has to figure it out for himself."

## Her Brother Rob: Missing Lamar

"Lamar was a father figure for Rob," says Khloé. "My dad died when he was 16. Bruce [now Caitlyn Jenner] was great, but he was going through his own things that none of us understood at the time. Once Lamar left—and it's not Lamar's fault at all—I think Rob didn't know where to go. He was like, 'I don't have guidance anymore.'" The 28-year-old, who still lives with Khloé in Los Angeles ("I wouldn't have it any other way," she says), has largely kept out of the public eye for nearly 18 months after battling depression and a 100-lb. weight gain. "He's such a great guy," says Khloé. "That's what's so infuriating. I'm like, 'Where is your will to live? Let's be around people!' But I can't win life for Rob. I have to wait until he's ready to get to a place where he can do it himself. It's sad, because he's only wasting his life more and more."





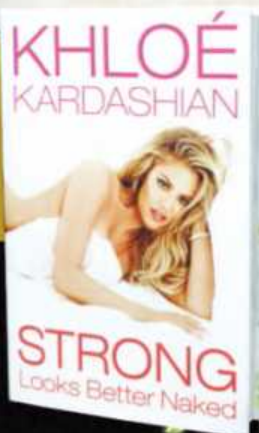
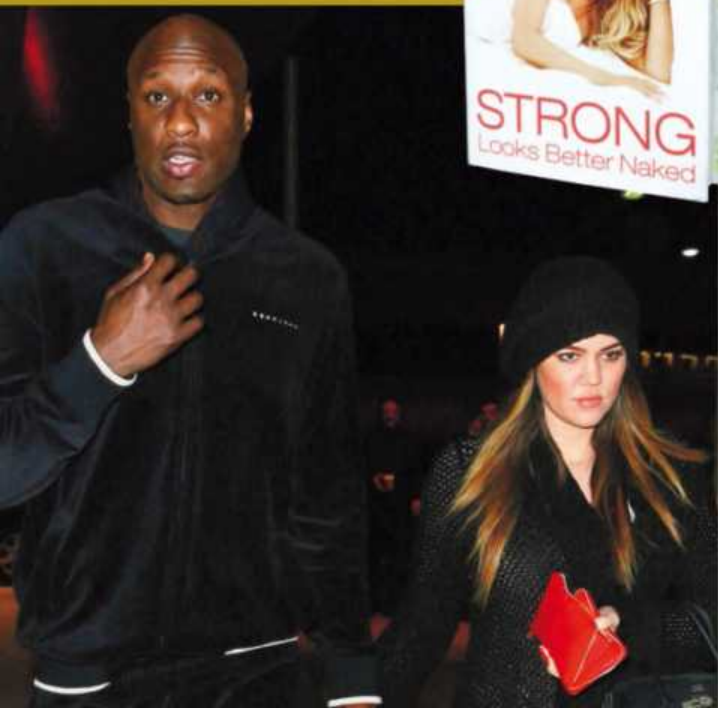
# Why My Marriage Ended

IN AN EXCERPT FROM HER NEW MEMOIR, *STRONG LOOKS BETTER NAKED*, THE STAR DETAILS THE DEMISE OF HER RELATIONSHIP



## Scenes from a Marriage

Above: On their 2009 wedding day. “I still believe in marriage,” says Khloé. Below: With Odom in 2013. “I didn’t realize how strong I was until I went through [the split],” says Khloé, who details her journey in her new book (inset).



## Two years into their marriage, Khloé and Lamar hit a rough patch after Odom was traded to the Dallas Mavericks.

We loved the idea of being husband and wife, and most of the marriage was really great. Being in Dallas was challenging. By nature, I’m a people pleaser, and it is draining both physically and mentally to please someone who is emotionally destroyed. There was a lot on my shoulders—five months in this isolated situation, doing battle with my own emotions but trying to be strong for us.

This was the first time I had been away from my family, and it wasn’t easy. Lamar kept apologizing, but I told him not to worry, that we were a family now, and that everything was going to work out. Lamar missed them, too. When we were first married, my family welcomed him with open arms, and he never stopped expressing his gratitude. “Your family was one of the reasons I knew I wanted to marry you,” he told me. “I love your family.” Lamar is an only child, and his mother passed away when he was very young. Being so warmly embraced by us meant the world to him, and being away was hard for us both.

## By 2013 Lamar had descended into drug use, and their marriage was crumbling.

The thing is, you can’t control other people, and you can’t control the outcome of situations, and if you think you can, you will soon discover that you are badly mistaken. The other thing I couldn’t control was the press, who were hungry for details and invariably got things wrong. Kim and Kourtney and the rest of my family couldn’t avoid the tabloids. “We

know something’s happening, Khloé. Why don’t you tell us about it? You’re safe with us.” Finally, that’s what I did—I told them. And I remember how blown away they were. Hurt, too, because I hadn’t shared. So I explained myself. “I wanted to protect Lamar,” I said. “I know how badly he wanted and needed this family. I didn’t want people to judge him or blame him. And I didn’t want him to feel like I was giving up on him.”

## After the split, Khloé says, she felt like she lost a piece of her identity.

This might sound like a cliché, but when I fell for Lamar, I remember feeling truly complete. And with Lamar gone, I felt I was losing a part of myself. I knew that ice cream and hibernation were not the answer, so I filled many of those extra hours by continuing to work on my physical and mental self. Still, I’d be lying to you if I said it was a total cure. You don’t just fix a broken heart. You need time. And it hurt, because I loved being married. I loved having a family. I loved waking up in the morning and having purpose. I loved Lamar’s kids, too, and I tried to be a good stepmother to them.

When it ended, when Lamar left, when it was truly over, things didn’t get any easier. When I got married, I was no longer simply one of the Kardashians; I had my own life and a separate identity. I had broken free. I was an adult (finally). In sharing my life with Lamar, I felt as if my entire world had become greatly enriched. But with Lamar gone, it was as if I had taken a giant backward step. I was back to being Khloé, but a somewhat more “damaged” version. And as much as I loved my family, losing Lamar had left me horribly adrift.



**RED CARPET PRINCESS**

Kate (carrying a Casa clutch by Jenny Packham) stole the spotlight at the Oct. 26 *Spectre* premiere. Inset: With William and Harry.

# Royal Mom's Night Out Dazzling Kate!

**FROM TIARAS TO TODDLERS:**

A STATE BANQUET, A MOVIE PREMIERE AND FUN WITH 2-YEAR-OLD GEORGE ARE ALL IN A WEEK'S WORK FOR THE BUSY PRINCESS

By **SIMON PERRY**



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She arrived in a chauffeured Bentley, not an Aston Martin, but Princess Kate delivered Bond-worthy glamour as she stepped into the chilly London air on Oct. 26 for the world premiere of *Spectre*. Regal in a silk chiffon Jenny Packham gown—and the same Robinson Pelham topaz earrings that her mom, Carole Middleton, wore to Kate's 2011 wedding reception—she chatted with the film's stars, telling one guest, "I'm looking forward to a good evening!"

The event capped another busy week for Kate, 33, who attended her first state banquet alongside husband Prince William on Oct. 20. A series of charity engagements followed, but she also carved out time with her two favorite leading men. On Oct. 22 she took her 2-year-old son Prince George to see the dinosaurs at London's Natural History Museum, and that night she and William enjoyed a romantic evening in the Scottish university town where they fell in love, St. Andrews. A royal source says Kate—who will mark daughter Princess Charlotte's 6-months birthday on Nov. 2—will continue to pick up the pace through Christmas. Adds East Anglia's Children's Hospice chief Graham Butland, who met with her on Oct. 26: "She was eager to get back fully into business." ●



#### FIRST MATE KATE

In Scotland on Oct. 23, Kate (in Christopher Kane) toured a historic ship with William and told one local it "fills me with horror" that William still rides a motorcycle: "I'm going to keep George off it."



#### HER BIG WEEK

##### ← PURPLE REIGN

She chose a \$2,800 lace Dolce & Gabbana for a rainy Oct. 21 outing during the Chinese state visit.

##### → MOM'S TOUCH

In a \$575 Tabitha Webb dress, Kate shared hugs on Oct. 26 while attending the Charities Forum in London.



#### HER TIARA SECRET

For the state banquet, Kate wore a tiara for only the third time publicly. The Lotus Flower tiara once belonged to the Queen's mother, Elizabeth (inset). On Kate's left wrist? The bracelet the Queen wore to her 1947 wedding.





**CULINARY  
COSTARS**

"She has the most infectious personality," says Cooper of Miller (photographed for *People* in L.A. on Oct. 14).



## DOUBLE TALK

# Bradley Cooper & Sienna Miller

BACK TOGETHER AS FLIRTY CHEFS IN *BURNT*, THE COSTARS AND PALS TALK FRIENDSHIP, FAMILY AND (OF COURSE) FOOD

**T**hings get heated in the kitchen between Sienna Miller, 33, and Bradley Cooper, 40, in their new film *Burnt* (see review, page 36). Offscreen the duo, who previously paired up on *American Sniper*, are friends. “I begged her to do this movie,” says Cooper. “We always have so much fun together.” The costars sat down with People’s Mia McNiece to chat about what’s currently cooking in their lives.

**Bradley plays a very demanding chef in *Burnt*. Has either of you ever worked for a tough boss?**

**COOPER** Yes, but as long as their heart is in the right place, I will go anywhere for somebody.

**MILLER** I was never very good with authority when I was younger. But now I have a tough boss: a 3-year-old [daughter Marlowe]. Often it’s not worth the fight, so she wins.

**Which one of you is the better chef?**

**COOPER** She makes great food. She makes this delicious Filipino dish called chicken adobo.

**MILLER** I haven’t eaten his food yet, but I reckon he’s probably got the upper hand. He worked in kitchens when he was younger.

**What’s your favorite foodie city?**

**COOPER** I get very excited to eat when I go to New Orleans. They have alligator, which I love.



**SAY CHEESE**  
“Working in a real kitchen gave me a fascinating insight into a world I am obsessed with,” says Miller (with Cooper in *Burnt*).

**MILLER** You do love to eat alligator.

**COOPER** What are you talking about?

You’ve never seen me eat alligator!

**MILLER** In general you love eating alligator whenever you can. I even heard you ask in London, “Have you got any gator?”

**Other favorite dishes?**

**MILLER** He loves pizza.

**COOPER** And what’s the last meal I would want?

**MILLER** Your grandmother’s pasta thing.

**COOPER** Her cheesecake!

**MILLER** Oh yes, his grandmother’s cheesecake. His memories of childhood are all around his grandmother making pasta and

dough. I love that image.

**COOPER** My grandmother always had flour caked in her engagement ring.

**When did you two first meet?**

**MILLER** I remember I went up to you at the Globes and congratulated you. But we didn’t really know each other very well until we worked together.

**COOPER** Playing Chris and Taya Kyle in *American Sniper* really increased the level of comfort between us, because we were playing these real people, and it meant so much to us to do right by them.

**MILLER** Now we are close friends.

**COOPER** Now we know each other too well. ●

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# Round Up

COMEBACK

## GEORGE DOES VEGAS!

THE SINGER RETURNS TO THE STAGE IN 2016 WITH 6 SHOWS AT THE NEW LAS VEGAS ARENA

By KAY WEST

**TURNS OUT THE COWBOY WASN'T** really riding away . . . just taking a brief hiatus. Fifteen months after George Strait tipped his signature black Resistol hat to 104,793 screaming fans at AT&T Stadium in Texas for the final show of his two-year The Cowboy Rides Away tour, the singer gave fans a reprieve, promising he will return to the stage for six shows at Las Vegas's new arena in 2016. "I really missed the concerts, the performing and the crowds. I missed all of that," says Strait, 63, who announced his return to the stage in a Sept. 22 press conference





## Country Bonus



Announcing  
his return  
Sept. 22.

**'I really missed the concerts, the performing and the crowds'**

—STRAIT

that also unveiled his 29th album, *Cold Beer Conversation*. "It was weird not getting ready to go out

on a tour. I would find myself doing other things—like playing golf, mostly—and realize, 'Hey, it's January, I'm supposed to be out on the road right now,' or 'It's

February, what am I doing at home?' It's a little disorienting. This will take care of that."

Strait admits the break was good for him, giving him time for golf, songwriting with son Bubba, 34, and kicking back on his Texas ranch. "It was really a good feeling not to be stressing over a tour or getting on the bus," he says. But he's looking forward to his time in Vegas. "There's a lot to do in Vegas besides losing your money!" he says with a laugh, admitting to a passion for the city's blackjack tables. "There are so many great restaurants. And I love golfing out there. I'm doing so much golfing at home I call it my job now. It sounds better to say every day, 'I'm going to work' than 'I'm going to golf.'"

As for the show itself, "I want to do the oldies; that's what people want to hear, and I miss singing them," he says. Fellow Texan Kacey Musgraves is signed on to open each performance. "It's exciting to play in a brand-new place," says Strait. "I hear it's unbelievable. I can't wait."



CATCHING

UP WITH...

## TOBY KEITH

THE SINGER  
JUST RELEASED  
HIS 18TH ALBUM,  
**35 MPH TOWN**



With  
daughter  
Krystal and  
wife Tricia.

**You were just inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame. Congrats!**

"It blew my mind. For 22 years we've been banging an album out every year or two. I never took a year off. I never quit writing. It's nice to be accepted as a songwriter."

**Stephen Colbert inducted you. Why him?**

"A lot of my music is tongue-in-cheek funny stuff—we have fun every night in the show. And Colbert can sing his butt off!"

**What do you think of country today?**

"Hip-hop country is a whole genre now. We'll find out if it's a fad or if it's here to stay. But country music isn't going away, and guys like me aren't going to change what they do."

**Any chance we'll see you at the CMAs?**

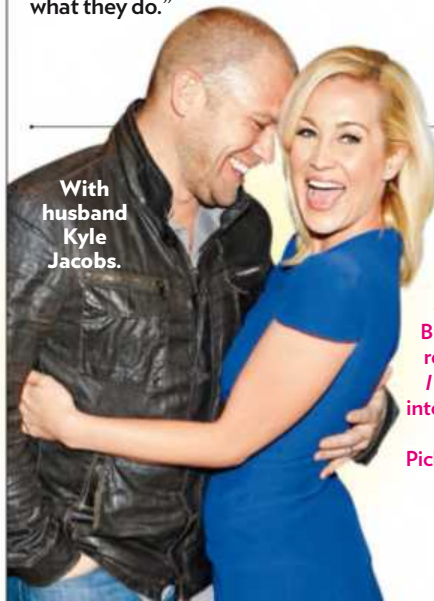
"I haven't been there in 10 years. And I haven't watched one since. What turned me off was how political it was. It's not voted on by the fans."

**Your daughter Krystal wants to make it as a singer. As a dad, is it tough to stay on the sidelines?**

"All I do is give her advice when she asks for it. You do have to let them get beat up a little bit. And that's not easy."

**You're not afraid to speak your mind politically. What's your take on the presidential race so far?**

"The cool thing is the people making the most noise are nonpoliticians. It would fix the whole thing if you get the politicians out of the way." —EILEEN FINAN



With  
husband  
Kyle  
Jacobs.

COUNTRY ON TV

## Kellie Pickler Returns to Reality

→ **Almost a decade after she proved she could charm the toughest of audiences (namely a cranky Brit called Simon Cowell) on *American Idol*, the singer returns to the small screen with her own reality show, *I Love Kellie Pickler*, a "docucomedy" offering a peek into life with her husband of nearly five years, songwriter Kyle Jacobs. "We know how crazy our life is," says Pickler, 29. "It'll be fun to let the rest of the world see into that window." The show premieres Nov. 5 on CMT.**



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TOUR DIARY

# Chris Young's EUROPEAN ADVENTURE

THE SINGER FINDS A LITTLE  
TIME **TO BE A TOURIST** WHILE  
PLAYING SHOWS OVERSEAS



## GLASGOW

Arriving in Scotland by train "was just really cool," says Young. "I don't get to take a train anywhere in the U.S." Even cooler: a mixed-up hotel reservation that left the band scrambling for a place to stay. "It ended up being a perk because I got to spend the night in a castle," says Young.



## BERLIN

"We walked around and saw a lot of the city," says Young, standing over the Spree river in Berlin. "Then we found this really cool place that made schnitzel—that was amazing."



Young stopped to pose with a bear statue outside his Berlin hotel. "I thought this was a great photo op because, one, it says 'Berlin' on it; two, it's kind of a cool art piece."



## LONDON

The reception he got at the Shepherd's Bush Empire music hall "was probably in my Top 10 lifetime shows," says Young. "The crowd was ridiculous!"






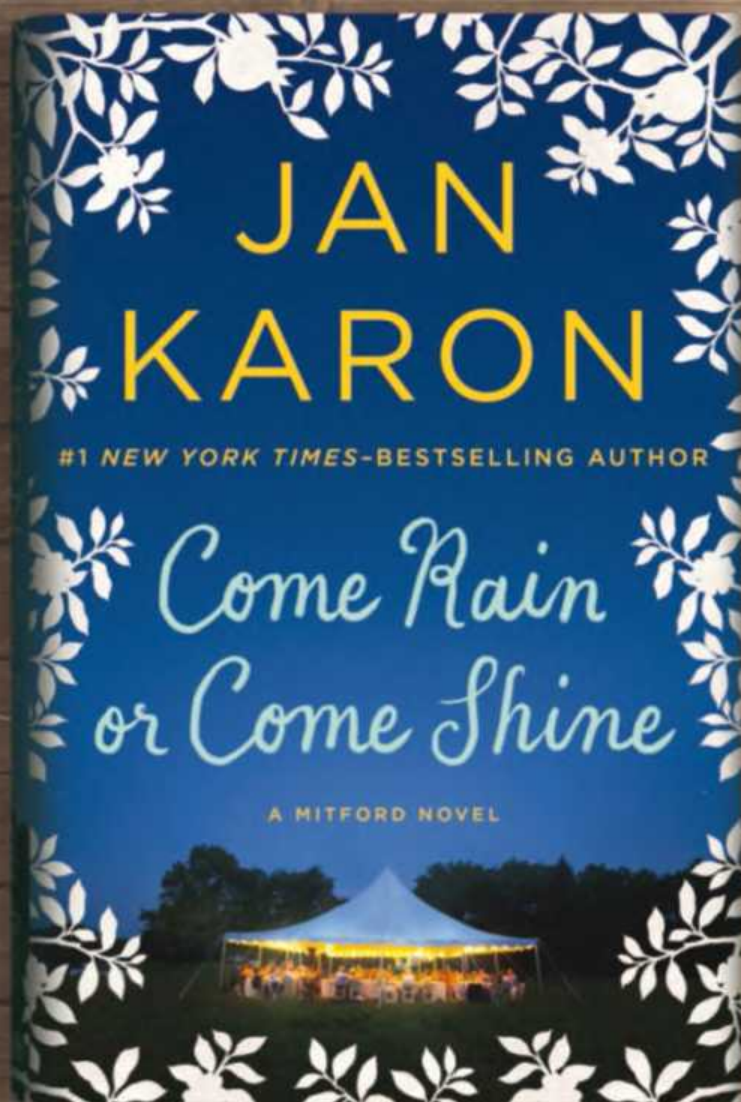
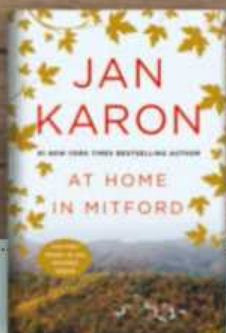
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CAN LUKE KEEP HIS CROWN? WILL MIRANDA RULE AGAIN? BEFORE YOU TUNE INTO THE **CMA AWARDS** (AIRING NOV. 4 ON ABC), CHECK OUT OUR CHEAT SHEET **By EILEEN FINAN**

## Entertainer of the Year

- ☐ Garth Brooks
- ☐ **Luke Bryan**
- ☐ Kenny Chesney
- ☐ Eric Church
- ☐ Miranda Lambert

*The reigning Entertainer for both the CMA and ACM awards, Luke certainly has the momentum, but a win for a woman—namely Miranda—is overdue. This could be her year.*

## Male Vocalist of the Year

- ☐ **Dierks Bentley**
- ☐ Luke Bryan
- ☐ Eric Church
- ☐ Blake Shelton
- ☐ Chris Stapleton

*Luke still rules at radio and maybe in this category as well, but Dierks has long deserved a little CMA love, and this year he may just get it.*

## Female Vocalist of the Year

- ☐ Kelsea Ballerini
- ☐ **Miranda Lambert**
- ☐ Kacey Musgraves
- ☐ Carrie Underwood
- ☐ Lee Ann Womack

*It's Miranda's to lose. And she won't.*

## Vocal Duo of the Year

- ☐ Brothers Osborne
- ☐ Dan + Shay
- ☐ **Florida Georgia Line**
- ☐ Maddie & Tae
- ☐ Thompson Square

*Look on the bright side, FGL competitors: no need to fret over an acceptance speech.*

## Vocal Group of the Year

- ☐ Lady Antebellum
- ☐ **Little Big Town**
- ☐ Rascal Flatts
- ☐ The Band Perry
- ☐ Zac Brown Band

*With a (Pain) Killer album and a song that ("Girl") crushed it, it's looking like a three-peat for Little Big Town.*

## New Artist

- ☐ Kelsea Ballerini
- ☐ **Sam Hunt**
- ☐ Maddie & Tae
- ☐ Thomas Rhett
- ☐ Chris Stapleton

*Nashville is wild about Chris, but Sam, Kelsea and Thomas Rhett all have heat—and radio play. With a chart-topping album and three No. 1's already, Hunt gets the tip.*

## Album of the Year

- ☐ **Old Boots, New Dirt**, Jason Aldean
- ☐ **Pageant Material**, Kacey Musgraves
- ☐ **Pain Killer, Little Big Town**
- ☐ **The Big Revival**, Kenny Chesney
- ☐ **Traveller**, Chris Stapleton

*Kacey and Chris have singer-songwriter cred, but LBT's album won't raves.*

**Nominees (from top) Sam Hunt, Luke Bryan, Miranda Lambert, Dierks Bentley, Florida Georgia Line, Kelsea Ballerini and Little Big Town.**





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STAR STYLE

# MADDIE & TAE OUR BEAUTY SECRETS!

THE 'SHUT UP AND FISH' DUO SHARE THEIR BEAUTY BARGAINS, SKIN SPLURGES AND MAKEUP TRICKS

By CHERYL BRODY FRANKLIN



## Best Beauty Trick

**Maddie:** The Ecotools blending brush for eyeshadow (\$9.99 a set; ecotools.com). It makes a huge difference.

**Tae:** Blend your concealer and foundation with a Beautyblender sponge.

## I Can't Live Without...

**Maddie:**

Suave Dry Shampoo. It works amazing and smells great.

**Tae:** Ole Henriksen Balancing Cucumber Face Mist (\$24, olehenriksen.com). It's great for keeping your face hydrated.

## Favorite Nail Polish

**Maddie:**

I love OPI's dark purple colors. (OPI polish in Lincoln Park After Dark, \$9.50; ulta.com)

**Tae:** Essie's In the Lobby is the perfect color for fall.



## Beauty Splurge

**Maddie:**

I love Benefit's Hoola Bronzing Powder (\$28, benefitcosmetics.com).

It doesn't fade throughout the day.

**Tae:** I never spend more than \$20 on a product. You can find inexpensive products without losing quality!



## Favorite Drugstore Beauty Item

**Maddie:** NYX High Definition Finishing Powder (\$10, nyxcosmetics.com) is great to set your makeup. It's \$10 and lasts months.

**Tae:** Aveeno Positively Radiant Brightening Cleanser. I love the way it makes my skin look and feel.

## Signature Scent

**Maddie:** Alien by Thierry Mugler. It lasts all day.

**Tae:** Bath & Body Works Warm Vanilla Sugar body spray (\$14, bathandbodyworks.com). You can't go wrong with vanilla.





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## Craig Campbell



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"Tomorrow  
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Campbell's newest single "is about this guy who thinks, if given the chance, that he could actually change this one girl's future all in one night," says the singer. "Speaking on behalf of guys in this world, we all feel like we have this power whether we are really good at it or not."

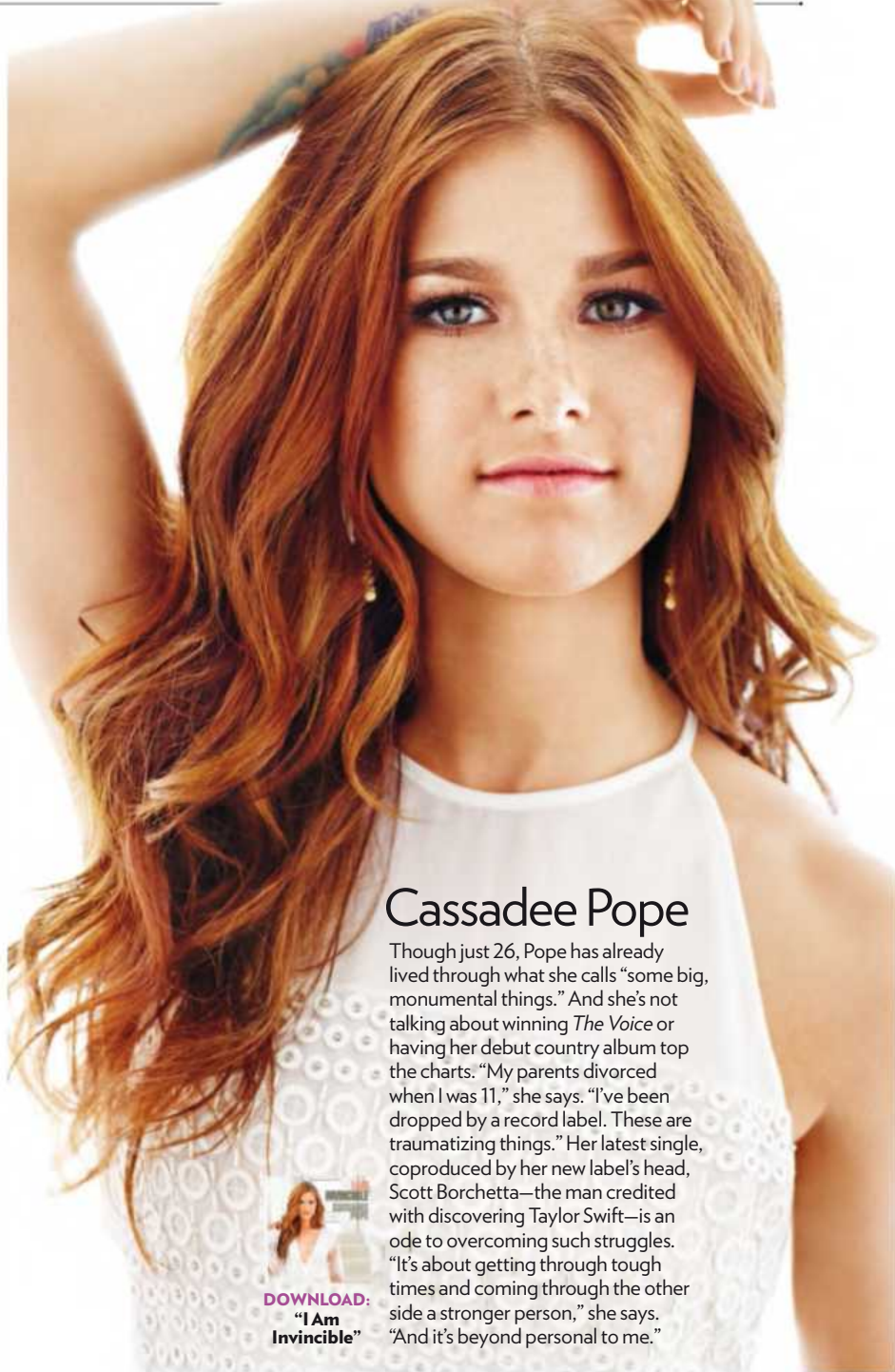


## The Cadillac Three



**DOWNLOAD:**  
"White  
Lightning"

The trio's new hit is "a redneck's take on love at first sight," says lead singer Jaren Johnston. (Bandmates are Kelby Ray, guitar and bass, and Neil Mason, drums.) Johnston wrote the song about his wife of two years. "It tells the story about how she stole my heart faster than this, faster than that—faster than all the things I was obsessed with as a kid," he says.



## Cassadee Pope

Though just 26, Pope has already lived through what she calls "some big, monumental things." And she's not talking about winning *The Voice* or having her debut country album top the charts: "My parents divorced when I was 11," she says. "I've been dropped by a record label. These are traumatizing things." Her latest single, coproduced by her new label's head, Scott Borchetta—the man credited with discovering Taylor Swift—is an ode to overcoming such struggles. "It's about getting through tough times and coming through the other side a stronger person," she says. "And it's beyond personal to me."



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### Aaron Tippin



**DOWNLOAD:**  
"There Ain't  
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Wrong with  
the Radio"

Tippin is rereleasing his first No. 1 hit—a tribute to his beloved 1975 Toyota Corolla, Daisy—as part of a set celebrating his 25 years in music. "She had 275,000 miles on her when I finally put her in the barn," he says. "There was a hole in the floorboard and I started it with a screwdriver. But that car carried me a lot of faithful miles."



### Josh Abbott Band



**DOWNLOAD:**  
"Amnesia"

The Texas band's song about surviving a failed love "is for all the people who wish they could get over somebody by just deleting them from their brain," says lead singer Josh Abbott. "It's an extreme concept." It's also a tune that's rooted in a stretch of tough reality. "I actually wrote it two months before my ex-wife and I split," says Abbott. "I felt like the writing was a little on the wall." By the time the band set out to record the song, Abbott was officially divorced. "The song took on its own life because of the situation I had gone through," he says. "We experimented with its dark tone, and I think it turned out rad."

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## Olivia Lane

Newcomer Lane, who moved to Nashville after college, is no stranger to the struggle of breaking big on Music Row. "I needed a song to help me through the ups and downs of being an artist and just growing up," the Texas native recalls. Enter "Lightning," which the singer-songwriter describes as "completely autobiographical." "It's about ignoring the haters and rising above to chase your dreams," says Lane. "If it's making you happy, keep going. It will open the right door for you."



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## Josh Thompson



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The once famously ponytailed Thompson wrote his new single before his 2014 haircut. "Everyone was telling me to get my hair cut, and I just wrote them a song about it," says Thompson of the tune. "It tells the story of how it doesn't matter what you dress me up in or how you cut my hair, I am still going to sound the same at the end of the day. You are never going to change who you are."

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THE FOUR FRIENDS  
BEHIND COUNTRY'S  
HOTTEST GROUP  
OPEN UP ABOUT LIFE  
ON THE ROAD, THEIR  
**HARD-WON SUCCESS**  
AND HOW THEY  
'DO IT LIKE REBA!'



By **DANIELLE ANDERSON**  
Photographs by **GAVIN BOND**





**W**ITH A FEW FREE HOURS before a gig in Greenwich, Conn., last month, the members of Little Big Town set out on a speedboat for a cruise across Long Island Sound. The foursome—

Karen Fairchild, Kimberly Schlapman, Jimi Westbrook and Phillip Sweet—are all excitedly giggling and soaking up the fall sunshine, happy to have a little time to see the sights their latest tour stop has to offer. Then Fairchild gets serious. “If anyone starts feeling sick, we have to stop,” she warns. “We don’t want to mess up the show.”

Small chance of that. The group’s tight four-part harmonies have been selling out arenas across the country all year as “Girl Crush,” their latest in a string of hit singles, sold nearly 2 million copies and set a *Billboard* record as the longest-running No. 1 by a country group. But the moment is a small glimpse into how the band has worked so well together for the past 17 years: They take care of each other. “We’re one big family out here,” says Westbrook. Since forming the group in 1998, they’ve helped each other weather personal heartbreak and professional disappointments, celebrated weddings—including Karen and Jimi’s in 2006—and welcomed each of their children. “We’ve lived so much together that we really are family and always will be,” says Schlapman.

Now nominated for five trophies at the CMA awards on Nov. 4, LBT is loving every second of their hard-won success. “When Karen sings the first few words of ‘Girl Crush’ at a show now, it’s hard to hear her over the crowd,” says Schlapman, 46. “We always look at each other like, ‘Holy cow, this is happening!’ We know how special that is because of where we’ve come from.”

Signed to their first major label deal in 1999, the group was dropped without ever having released a song. “We hadn’t failed, because we hadn’t really gotten a shot yet,” says Westbrook, 45. So all four rolled up their sleeves and vowed to stay together and be heard. In

## BEHIND THE SCENES

Mixing music and family “is just normal for us,” says Kimberly. “We are all so close.”

1. Phillip at the piano with daughter Penelopi.
2. Kimberly and daughter Daisy at Disneyland.
3. Kimberly and Karen join the kids on the rides at a county fair in Iowa.
4. Jimi and son Elijah share a backstage moment.
5. Daisy, Elijah and Penelopi take the stage for sound check.
6. In the studio.
7. Waiting for a flight in Nashville.



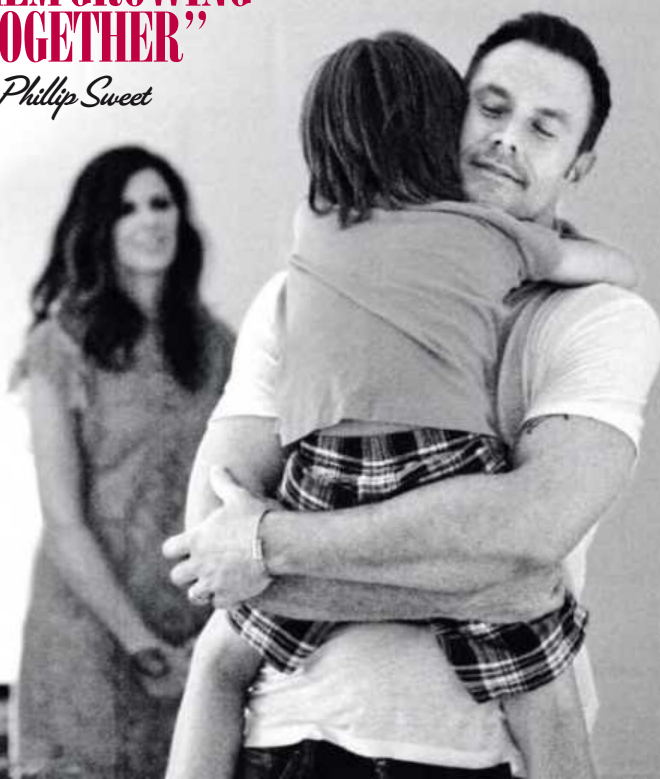




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“  
IT'S SO GOOD TO  
SEE THEM GROWING  
UP TOGETHER”

—Phillip Sweet



the meantime they also took day jobs—Westbrook parked cars, Sweet worked as a cashier at a liquor store, Fairchild served as an assistant to a Nashville agent, and Schlapman waitressed—and on the weekends, they'd pile into a van and play any show they could get.

The hard times had a silver lining, though: They credit them with building the foundation of their friendship and the band philosophy that keeps them strong today. “If we were going to drive to Boston from Nashville in a van for \$500 and come right back, it had to be all four of us in, not just majority rules,” says Fairchild, 48. “We made a rule from the very beginning that we wouldn't talk each other into doing something. That would never work.”

The group's persistence paid off, and in 2003 they scored another record deal. Then in 2005, tragedy struck. Schlapman's first husband, Steven Roads, died suddenly of a heart attack while the band was promoting their breakout single “Boondocks.” “That was probably the moment where things could've changed,” says Westbrook. “I've heard Karen say that there was a point where she looked at Kimberly and thought, ‘Is she going to keep doing this?’ It was such a horrific tragedy she was going through, would she even want to go back on the road?” But at the funeral, while Sweet, Westbrook and Fairchild were singing “My Armageddon” at Schlapman's request, the band got their answer. “Kimberly just came up onstage and started singing with us,” says Sweet, 41. “That moment just bonded us even closer.” Schlapman credits her bandmates with getting her through those dark hours. “I was so numb, I didn't even think about what the future was going to hold,” she says. “But I had three people who picked me up and carried me until I could walk on my own.”

Today their bond is stronger than ever. Though she dismisses it, “Karen is our natural-born leader,” says Westbrook. Schlapman tends to be the peacemaker. “We're all so very different,” she says. “Nobody's fighting for the same role. I think that is one of the for-sure





## 5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT LBT

### Who's the crankiest?

**Kimberly:** "Phillip, though not on a normal basis, only when he's hungry. He gets the hangries!"

### Who's the biggest prankster?

**Karen:** "Jimi. He just can't help himself. He lives for the laugh and the shock."

### Who's the best dancer?

**Jimi:** "Karen. She's the one who secretly wants to go on *Dancing with the Stars*."

### Who's the most easygoing?

**Karen:** "Kimberly. She's wants everyone to be happy, she's flexible, she's encouraging. She's just a very content person."

### Who's the nerdiest?

**Phillip:** "Jimi and I. We love science. He's got an awesome telescope, and he's taken amazing pictures of the moon and Saturn. We get all geeked out over stuff like that."

reasons that we're still together." That and they don't take themselves too seriously. "We'll laughingly call each other out for being a diva," says Fairchild. "Like, 'Seriously? Did you just order your pizza like that?'"

The gang's all been branching out too. Schlapman hosts her own cooking show, *Kimberly's Simply Southern*, on GAC, and she has a new line of home goods, Oh Gussie!, at Cracker Barrel. Fairchild recently debuted a rocker-chic fashion line, Fair Child, at EVINE Live. And Westbrook and Sweet are collaborating on a project of their own that they aren't quite ready to discuss.

Meanwhile the love they have for each other has been passed down to the next generation. All three of their children—Elijah, 5, Westbrook and Fairchild's son; Daisy, 9, Schlapman's

“WE’RE STUCK TOGETHER. I DON’T REALLY SEE THAT EVER CHANGING”

—Karen Fairchild

daughter with her husband, Stephen; and Penelope, 9, Sweet's daughter with wife Rebecca—spend most weekends on the road with their parents, where a tour assistant helps line up playdates for

the kids at local attractions. "They consider themselves siblings," says Schlapman. "We went to Disneyland the other day, and all three of them are walking in a line holding hands. They just love each other."

And the kids aren't the only ones having a blast on the road. Another perk of the band's recent success? Traveling in style. "We've taken a few private jets lately," admits Schlapman. "We call it traveling like Reba. 'Let's do it like Reba!' we'll say. We only do it once every blue moon, but it's pretty cool." ●



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## Die a Happy Man

By Thomas Rhett, Sean Douglas, Joe Spargur

"The first verse was totally written from those super-rare nights where we have a night off at home. We'll put on music, cook together and drink wine."

"Lauren wore a red dress on the CMA red carpet last year that completely blew me away. But whenever she wears anything black, it takes my breath away also. It's just crazy how personal every lyric is."

"Having a house in Georgia is a huge dream of mine. I'm originally from there, and it would be great to have an escape, a farm down in South Georgia. Hopefully, that's in the cards."

Baby last night  
Was hands down  
One of the best nights  
That I've had, no doubt  
Between the bottle of wine  
And the look in your eyes  
And the Marvin Gaye  
Then we danced in the dark  
Under September stars  
In the pourin' rain

[Chorus]

And I know  
That I can't  
Ever tell you enough  
That all I need  
In this life  
Is your crazy love  
If I never get to see the northern lights  
Or if I never get to see the Eiffel Tower at night  
Oh if all I got

Is your hand in my hand  
Baby I could die a happy man  
A happy man baby  
Baby that red dress  
Brings me to my knees  
Oh but that black dress  
Makes it hard to breathe  
You're a saint  
You're a goddess  
The cutest  
The hottest  
A masterpiece  
It's too good to be true  
Nothin' better than you  
In my wildest dreams

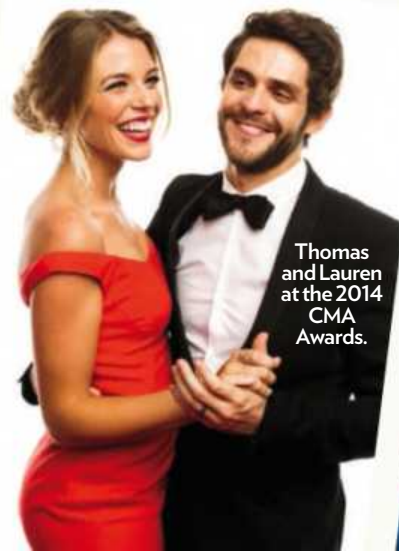
[Repeat Chorus]

I don't need no vacation  
No fancy destination  
Baby you're my great escape  
And we can stay at home  
Listen to the radio  
And dance around the fireplace  
Oh if I never get to build my mansion in Georgia  
Or drive a sports car up the coast of California  
Oh if all I got  
Is your hand in my hand  
Baby I could die a happy man  
Baby I could die a happy man  
Oh I could die a happy man  
You know I could girl  
I could die, I could die, a happy man

"We spent our last anniversary in the mountains of North Carolina. There was no cable, no cell-phone service.... We were in the middle of nowhere under the stars. That weekend definitely spurred the idea for this song."

"We've always wanted to go to Paris. That's something we're looking forward to doing someday."

"We actually do dance around the fireplace at home! We just built our first house last year, and one of the biggest things we wanted was a fireplace. We love the smell of real wood burning."



Thomas  
and Lauren  
at the 2014  
CMA  
Awards.



### In His Own Words

“Die a Happy Man” is me singing for my wife, Lauren, but it’s also me narrating for a lot of dudes that want to say the same things about the people they love. It’s not about what we have or what we don’t

have—things like mansions, driving nice cars and having all this stuff—it doesn’t matter. As long as I’ve got you, I could die today and say that I lived life to the fullest. That’s how I feel. When you write a song that personal about your life, you really want to get every aspect of it right. My relationship with my wife is so special to me. We didn’t meet at a meet-and-greet or a bar after a show, we met in first grade.

I mean Lauren’s watched me go through several horrible phases in middle school and high school. We got married when we both had zero money. We love each other, and that’s the bottom line.

The song’s just a really cool way to translate that.



# KELSEA BALLERINI I'M THANKFUL FOR...

## MY PUPPY

On the road I always have people taking care of me, so I needed something to take care of. He's a Labradoodle named Dibs and he's 5 months old. I'll bring him out after shows, run him around, and I'll pick up his dog poop! He gives me a sense of normalcy.

## MY MOM

My mom moved to Nashville with me when I was 15, and she's been my champion my whole life. She's the most fiercely independent and compassionate woman, and she instills things in me that I use every day. She texts me every day, "Kelsea, remember who you are, and remember why you are doing this." It's what I go back to.

## MY APARTMENT

I am such a homebody, so coming home is like a retreat. I'm surrounded by things from people I love: My living room wall has these old pallet pieces with Bible verses and quotes that my friends made me.

## COFFEE

Before college I was a froufrou coffee drinker, and I'd only get pumpkin whipped-cream-on-top lattes. Nashville has incredible coffee shops, and it's where I learned about good coffee. Now I drink it black and start my day with a cup.

## BEING A GIRL

I'm such a girlie girl and I love getting all dolled up, but I take pride in being a real person. I want to stand for female empowerment and be a strong voice for girls on the radio.

—EILEEN FINAN

The "Love Me Like You Mean It" singer (and CMA nominee!), 22, released her debut CD this year.





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Diaz promised his wife he'd take good care of their dogs Charley (top left) and Bella.



ONE YEAR LATER

# Brittany Maynard's Legacy of Love

ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF HIS WIFE'S DEATH, DAN DIAZ TALKS ABOUT KEEPING HER MEMORY ALIVE

By NICOLE WEISENSEE EGAN

For Dan Diaz the past year has been a series of heart-breaking firsts: his first Thanksgiving and Christmas without his beloved wife, his first wedding anniversary and birthday without her and now, on Nov. 1, the first anniversary of her death. "It's been tough," he tells *People*. "Each and every day I think about what

we would be doing had she lived. At this point we would have been on our way to having a family or already have children."

But instead of focusing on all that he's lost, Diaz, 44, has been honoring the promises large and small that he made to his late wife, Brittany Maynard, who last year became the face of the controversial right-to-die movement. Maynard, 29, was diagnosed with

terminal brain cancer and ended her own life, using medication prescribed for her by her doctor, in the Portland, Ore., home she and Diaz shared. She asked Diaz to continue the fight for right-to-die legislation—starting with their home state, California, which they'd been forced to leave so that Maynard could die her own way. Diaz has kept his word: On Oct. 5 California's





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1. Maynard's mother, Debbie Ziegler, and stepfather, Gary Holmes (far right), lend support as Diaz (center) speaks at a press conference.

2. Maynard and Diaz in 2008. 3. Diaz chats with terminally ill single mom Christy O'Donnell, 47, after a Sept. 1 state Assembly hearing.



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Action Fund ([patientsrightsaction.org](http://patientsrightsaction.org)).

In July, worn out from balancing the demands of work and full-time advocacy, Diaz stepped down from his job in the food-packaging industry to become a paid consultant for Compassion & Choices. "Part of what Brittany wanted for me was to enjoy life," he says. "When I was trying to do both, I wasn't living up to that promise."

The friendships Diaz has made with others who are terminally ill helped make the decision to leave work that much easier. "They're in the same situation Brittany was in," says Diaz, "so they have that effect on me of energizing my efforts." One of them, Jennifer Glass, 52, of San Mateo, Calif., died on Aug. 11 of lung cancer after five days in a medically induced coma. "It was the exact way she did not want her passing to go,"

says Diaz, who saw her that day. "She should have had the option to pass away gently in the way she thought would be best for her."

One of the most painful days this past year was Sept. 29, which would have been Diaz and Maynard's third wedding anniversary. He spent it at their Alamo, Calif., home with their two dogs, Bella and Charley, "missing her," he says.

Knowing that Brittany died her own way brings some comfort to Diaz and her loved ones on the anniversary of her death. He plans to spend the day with his younger brother Adrian Diaz, 34, and two of Maynard's closest friends—all of whom were by her side when she passed. "We'll just kind of be with one another for support and share memories of Brittany," says Diaz. "I have some pictures and videos to show them."

For Diaz, the future still very much revolves around Maynard. In addition to his advocacy efforts, he also has personal promises to fulfill—finishing up several home-improvement projects and trips to faraway places like Australia that he and Brittany had planned to see together. It won't be the same without her by his side, but, says Diaz, "in my heart Brittany will be there with me." ●

right-to-die bill became law—and 23 more states, plus Washington, D.C., have introduced similar bills since Maynard's death. "Dan is a tireless campaigner," says Barbara Coombs Lee, president of Compassion & Choices ([compassionandchoices.org](http://compassionandchoices.org)), the advocacy group that Maynard partnered with before her death. "He has quite a compelling presence. He's a man grieving the loss of his wife."

Diaz—who takes deep personal pride in the legisla-

tion—will need that strength in the coming months. Opponents are already trying to repeal the California law while

**'I carry my memories of Brittany in my heart.**

**They make me smile and help with my grieving process'**  
—DAN DIAZ

gearing up for fights in other states. "We are against assisted suicide because we believe those who are the most vulnerable—the poor, the elderly—will be unable to get good treatment options because their insurance company will decide it's much cheaper to give them a bottle of assisted-suicide pills," says J.J. Hanson, president of the Patients Rights



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By MICHAEL MILLER

**M**ary Donovan answered the phone at 2 a.m. on Feb. 10, 1962, to hear a reporter excitedly asking how she felt about her husband's "incredible accomplishment." As far as Mary and the rest of the family knew, James Donovan was golfing in Scotland while on a business trip. "Did he hit a hole in one?" she asked, still half asleep.

That's how James Donovan's wife learned that her husband, a Brooklyn insurance lawyer, had actually been in East Berlin secretly negotiating a prisoner exchange with the Soviet Union. Rudolf Abel, a KGB agent implicated in atomic spying and caught in Brooklyn, had been swapped for two captured Americans: Francis Gary Powers, a U-2 spy pilot, and Frederic Pryor, an economics student. "The next morning the world descended on us," Mary Ellen, Donovan's youngest daughter, tells *People*. "We must've had a hundred reporters on our front lawn."

Donovan's unlikely success is the subject of Steven Spielberg's latest film, *Bridge of Spies*, in which Tom Hanks stars as the idealistic lawyer who struck a crafty bargain with the Soviets during the Cold War. "I saw him as an Atticus Finch figure," says screenwriter Matt Charman. "He fought for justice." Donovan first got involved in 1957, when he agreed to defend Russian spy Abel. "Everyone's attitude was 'Why would you do that?'" remembers Jane Donovan, the old-

est of his four children. "But not my father. He loved a challenge." Adds Mary Ellen: "He always wanted to make sure that everybody got a fair trial."

But the unpopular job had its consequences. "There were always people picketing outside our house, yelling at my father," Jane recalls. Donovan succeeded in sparing Abel, whom he had grown to respect, from the death penalty and fought the case to the Supreme Court. After Powers's plane was shot down over Russia in 1960, Donovan

worked with the Kennedy Administration to help orchestrate a spy swap for Abel. After tough negotiations, Donovan did even better: He arranged to trade Abel for Powers plus Pryor, a student detained in East Germany. On a cold morning, Donovan watched Abel and Powers trade places on Berlin's Glienicke Bridge.

Donovan later negotiated the return of 1,113 prisoners from the Bay of Pigs invasion in Cuba and served as president of the New York Board of Education before dying at age 53 in 1970. Abel, who was awarded multiple honors by the Soviets, died in Moscow in 1971. Powers died in a helicopter accident at 47, while Pryor is an emeritus professor of economics at Swarthmore College.

Watching Spielberg's film, Mary Ellen says, "I felt like my father was taking me on another adventure. His story has been this big secret all these years. I'm so proud to have this opportunity for his name and everything he accomplished to be known." ●



**'His story has been this big secret all these years. I'm so proud'**

—MARY ELLEN DONOVAN ON HER FATHER



**The Bridge**  
The historic spy swap took place on Berlin's Glienicke Bridge, linking East and West Germany.

**The Lawyer**  
James Donovan, who negotiated the spy swap, loved the law "and wanted everyone to have a voice," says his daughter Mary Ellen.



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**The Soviet Spy**  
Born in Britain to Russian parents, Abel was a master KGB spy. "Donovan did everything he could to get Rudolf Abel the fair trial he deserved," Charman says.



**The Student**  
American Frederic Pryor spent six months detained in East Berlin.



**The Movie**  
"I love playing guys who are good at what they do," says Tom Hanks (as Donovan, with Mark Rylance, left, as Abel).



**The Pilot**  
Francis Gary Powers was imprisoned in Moscow for almost two years.



# A Mother's Chilling Vow 'YOU WILL NEVER FIND'

FOUR YEARS AFTER AMY PITZEN TOOK HER SON AND THEN KILLED HERSELF, POLICE AND THE BOY'S ANGUISHED FATHER STRUGGLE TO UNDERSTAND HER FINAL WORDS. **WHERE IS TIMMOTHY PITZEN?**

By JEFF TRUESDELL



## Lost Boy

"I always wonder what she told Timmothy," says Jim Pitzen (with his wife and son, February '09).



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FROM LEFT: COURTESY JIM PITZEN; AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT; NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN

It had seemed like an ordinary Wednesday morning: Jim and Amy Pitzen waved goodbye to their son Timothy, 6, as he hopped out of the family Jeep at Greenman Elementary in Aurora, Ill., on May 11, 2011. Jim remembers Timothy bounding off to meet his kindergarten teacher, his Spider-Man backpack swinging back and forth and his light-up shoes blinking as he raced to class. "He had this little waddle run, like a chubby old man," says Jim. "He said, 'See you later, Mom and Dad.' I told him I loved him and to be good. And then ... he was gone."

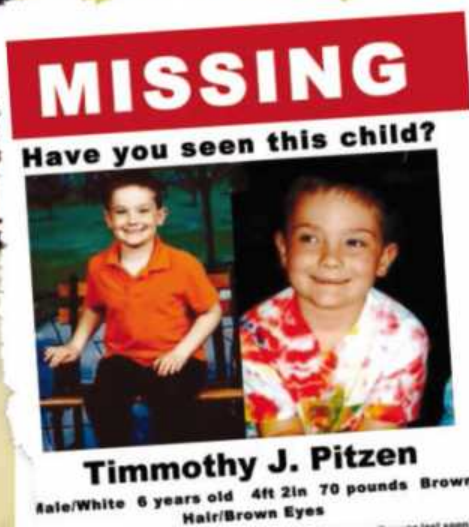
The scene has played over and over in Jim's mind every day for the past four years. It was the last time he saw his son. Less than half an hour later, Amy, 42, returned to the school to pick up Timothy, saying there was an emergency at home. Three days later police found Amy dead in a motel room in Rockford, Ill., with self-inflicted slashes on her wrists and neck and a high level of antihistamines in her system. In a handwritten note at the scene, Amy said Timothy was "safe" with others who would love and care for him, adding these words: "You will never find him." Says Jim, 44: "A lot of people think she killed him. But she loved that little guy so much. I can't see her killing him. I just can't."

Did Amy give her son away to someone else to look after? Or did she kill him and dispose of the body before taking her own life? Police say they still don't know. So far, none of the leads they've chased have brought

them any closer to the boy's whereabouts, and each piece of would-be evidence has proven inconclusive. In her suicide note, Amy never named the people she claimed she'd left Timothy with; the blood on the knife at the scene was hers alone; forensic analysis of her SUV found traces of Timothy's blood in the backseat—but the age of the blood couldn't be determined, and relatives stated the boy had had a bloody nose earlier that year; and Amy's cell phone, missing at the time of her death and found on a nearby rural roadside in 2013, held no new information about Timothy. It's a case that haunts Det. Lee Catavu: "The biggest struggle is facing the family and not being able to give them the answer they want."

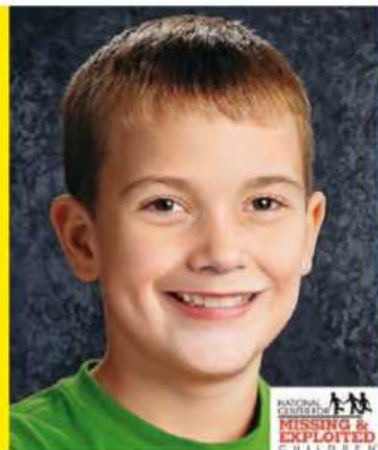


**Parenthood was a gift to Jim Pitzen and a worry to Amy.** At age 19, Jim had been diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma, and doctors had warned him that the chemotherapy needed to save his life could make him sterile. "Jim said, 'That's okay, I want to live so I can adopt kids and give them a home like my dad adopted me,'" says his mother, Linda Pitzen, who had split from Jim's birth father. "I was never so proud." Amy, meanwhile, "never wanted to have a kid, ever," says her longtime friend Liz Bauman. With three failed marriages already, Amy "was afraid her depressive tendencies would be inherited," says her mom, Alana Anderson. But when Jim met Amy through friends in 2003, "she was real cheery," he recalls, "sort of carefree." They dated about a year before Amy got pregnant, and they married on March 22, 2004. "Jim and Amy seemed like a very good match," says her mom. And whatever Amy's earlier fears, Timothy erased them. "She was surprised,"



### A Tragic Mystery

Taken at age 6, Tim (in his missing poster and in age-progressed image, right) would now be age 11. If his mother gave him away as she claimed, his tortured father says, he needs answers. "Who are the people he's with?" Jim asks. "And how do they know him?"





### A Family Torn Apart

1. Jim and Amy Pitzen with their 5-month-old son on a California trip to visit relatives in March 2005.
2. Just shy of 1 month old, an infant Timothy in November '04.
3. A happy boy at home in May '05.
4. Jim with his "little man" on a trip to a botanical garden in January '07.

says Bauman, "how much joy and fun she got out of being a mom."

The family moved to a two-story fixer-upper in a good school district with room for Timothy to play. Jim was a wood-shop supervisor; Amy worked as a real estate project manager. At home she filled her son's baby books with photos and preschool progress reports. Bauman, who is bipolar and first bonded with Amy in college over their shared struggles, says of her friend, "She was okay, 'cause she had something to focus on other than her-

self." Amy had given Jim a motorcycle for their first Valentine's Day together, and Jim—who kept an adult-size go-kart and loved speed—saw their son as "a little mini-me," he says. "He likes to go fast and play hard." Says Jim's mom: "Tim was his buddy, his little man."

But Tim could be a handful, which others say increasingly fell to Amy to handle. "Amy wanted [Jim] to go to parenting classes," says her mom, "and he just wouldn't go." Jim admits there was tension in the marriage and regrets he missed family outings. He also says

that he knew less about Amy's mental illness than he knows now. (She'd tried to kill herself once before, say Bauman and Anderson.) "People with depression need help. It can't be ignored," Jim says.

Eventually Amy's struggles led to talk of divorce, and fears of losing Timothy may have pushed her over the edge. "Telling her that he was going to take her son away was not the way to do it," Bauman says. "She was to the point of 'I've given all I can give. But I know Jim is not capable of doing what I've been

## A MOTHER ON THE RUN



**May 11, 2011, 8:35 a.m.**

About 20 minutes after Jim and Amy Pitzen drop Timothy off at kindergarten, Amy returns to the school alone, saying there is "a family emergency," and she needs to take Timothy with her.

**May 11, mid-morning**

Amy's 2004 Ford Expedition SUV sputters into a service station in La Grange, Ill., more than 20 miles from Aurora. While the battery is being replaced, she and Timothy get a ride from a station attendant to the nearby Brookfield Zoo. They return to pick up the car several hours later.



**May 11, 3:53 p.m.**

Surveillance images capture Amy and Timothy at the Key Lime Cove indoor water-park resort in Gurnee, Ill., about 65 miles north of Aurora. Receipts show they spent the night at the resort.



doing.' We call it distorted thinking: You can talk yourself into anything."



**Police built a timeline of Amy and Tim's** movements after she checked him out of school: The pair spent time at a zoo and water parks, never more than 200 miles from home (see box). Amy had turned her phone off, presumably not wanting to be tracked. But on day three, after Jim told police she'd taken off without her prescribed medication for depression, she briefly surfaced, ignoring her husband's panicked messages but calling his brother Chuck and letting him talk to Timmothy. Chuck says he heard no distress from either of them. On that same day, Amy also called police to assure them she was not missing and that Timmothy was fine. Then the trail evaporates: For six hours that afternoon, and later for three hours just before she checked into the Rockford motel where she was found, police don't know where Amy was or whom she might have met—only that Timmothy had vanished. "Those two blocks of time," says Det. Lee Catavu, "are pivotal."

In the earliest clues to Amy's plan, toll records revealed that in February and March 2011, she made two unexplained trips to rural northwestern Illinois, where her last calls were traced; she had

told her mom she was stuck in the office. Her recovered SUV yielded evidence that she had stopped on gravel near a treeless grassy meadow or field—but that could be anywhere in a six-county area. Bauman wonders if Amy, a converted Mormon, may have involved someone from her church. "She liked the emphasis on family," says Amy's mom. "She wanted that for Tim." Police checked and dismiss the connection. "At this point," says Detective Catavu, "we're heavily relying on folks out there who might see Timmothy."

Meanwhile Jim, surrounded by reminders of his son—drawings on the fridge; a moon-face night-light now hanging in his bedroom; a battery-operated dinosaur atop his bedroom dresser—waits for news. Though he moved to his native Clinton, Iowa, from Aurora two months after his son vanished—"Too many memories, too much pain," he says. He holds tight to his cellphone. Timmothy had memorized the number. "Maybe I'll see Tim in the morning," he tells himself each night. "Maybe tomorrow they'll find him." ●



**Keeping vigil**  
"All I want is my kid back," says Jim (at home in Iowa). "I'm just waiting for him to come home."

**May 12, afternoon and evening**  
Checking out of Key Lime Cove, Amy drives to Racine, Wis., where a store clerk comments on her purchase of toys for Timmothy. "Aren't you a lucky boy?" Later the pair check into the Kalahari resort, another water park, in Wisconsin Dells, 162 miles from the previous night's stop.



**May 13, 10:15 a.m.**  
This image of Amy and Timmothy leaving the Kalahari resort is the last time they are seen together. Although Amy briefly turns on her cell to make a few calls, a six-hour window follows in which her movements can't be traced.

**May 13, 7:59 p.m.**  
Amy is captured on surveillance video entering a Winnebago, Ill., market without Timmothy. About three hours later, she checks in alone at the Rockford Inn 11 miles away. She is found dead the next afternoon.







**BIG NIK**  
Vine Superstar



**DEVINA**  
Transgender  
Princess



**VAISHALI**  
Momager

# Meet The Keswar Bunch

LIFE WITH A TEENAGE INTERNET STAR,  
A HIGH SCHOOL BEAUTY QUEEN AND  
A TRANSGENDER 6-YEAR-OLD ISN'T  
SIMPLE, BUT THIS CALIFORNIA FAMILY  
TACKLES IT ALL WITH HEART AND HUMOR

By **JOHNNY DODD**

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**SARINA**  
Pageant Rookie



**ANIL**  
Doctor Dad

**T**he scene on the poolside patio of the Keswani family's San Diego-area home is something like a cross between *The Brady Bunch* and *Keeping Up with the Kardashians*.

Mom/family business manager Vaishali, 44, is poring over a sponsorship deal with their 17-year-old social media rock star son, known to his 2.7 million Vine followers as Big Nik. Devina, the couple's transgender first grader, sits nearby munching coconut chips while sewing a skirt out of skull-and-crossbones print fabric. And big sis Sarina, 15, a budding teen beauty queen, is thumbing through a swimsuit catalog looking for something to wear in an upcoming pageant. "When we got married," dad Anil Keswani, 45, an internal medicine specialist turned hospital executive at Scripps Health, says laughing, "we thought we had it all figured out what our family would be like. It's fascinating how we could be so wrong."

Meet the Keswanis—a tight-knit, wonderfully complex Indian-American family and the stars of the new web series *The Keswanis: A Most Modern Family* on people.com. "We're kind of a crazy, unique family," observes Sarina. "But we're a team, and we laugh a lot."

**TUNE IN!**  
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The family has had its share of drama as well. For much of the past 17 years, Anil and Vaishali spent many of their days and nights at hospitals as Nik, who has a rare form of dwarfism, underwent nearly 30 surgeries for numerous serious ailments that left him partially blind and deaf. Two years ago the teenager began channeling his "intense" physical pain into humorous online videos that quickly went viral. Nik's sophomoric humor, which he distills into six-second-long Vine videos, hasn't always made his extended East Indian relatives chuckle. One of his recent creations captured

# The Keswanis

## A Most Modern Family

### ANIL, 45

The family patriarch is an exec at a hospital. "I laugh at how narrow-minded I used to be before all this," he says.

### VAISHALI, 44

An optometrist, she now manages Nik's showbiz career. "We thought we knew what different was," she says. "We didn't."

### SARINA, 15

"Our family has a mix of every type of person in it," says the high school freshman. "There's tension but lots of laughter."

### NIK, 17

The Vine video superstar has a rare form of dwarfism. "We're all a little dysfunctional, but we're happy," he says.

### DEVINA, 6

Born male, she declared herself transgender at age 5. "I want to be just like my sister when I grow up," she says.

him twerking with a *Playboy* model on Hollywood Boulevard. "Try explaining that to your family," says Vaishali, who gave up her career as an optometrist to take care of her son, now a high school senior (with a 4.0 GPA). "She was Miss October, mom," Nik deadpans. "That's gotta count for something."

Despite his anything-goes approach to video comedy, there is one topic that Nik hasn't touched: Devina's transition from boy to girl.

Not long after Nik's rise to fame, his little brother Dev announced, "I'm a girl." Stunned but hardly surprised, the Keswanis rallied around their youngest

child. Two days after Devina announced her intentions to become a girl, Sarina posted her kid sister's picture on her Instagram page and proudly announced, "Introducing my sister!" Adds Sarina: "I always knew she wanted to be a girl." Deep down, so did her parents. "Looking back," admits Vaishali, "the signs

were everywhere." When Devina's mother asks her chatty, precocious daughter who she'd most like to meet someday, the little girl looks up from her sewing project and exclaims, "Caitlyn Jenner. . . I want to ask her why she waited so long to be brave."

Devina's parents fight back tears while listening to their daughter. "I've given up trying to predict what tomorrow is going to bring," Anil says softly. "I just hope we can help other parents understand and accept their kids." Adds Vaishali: "Otherwise none of this makes sense." ●

**'Living in the moment is the only way I can get through all this'**

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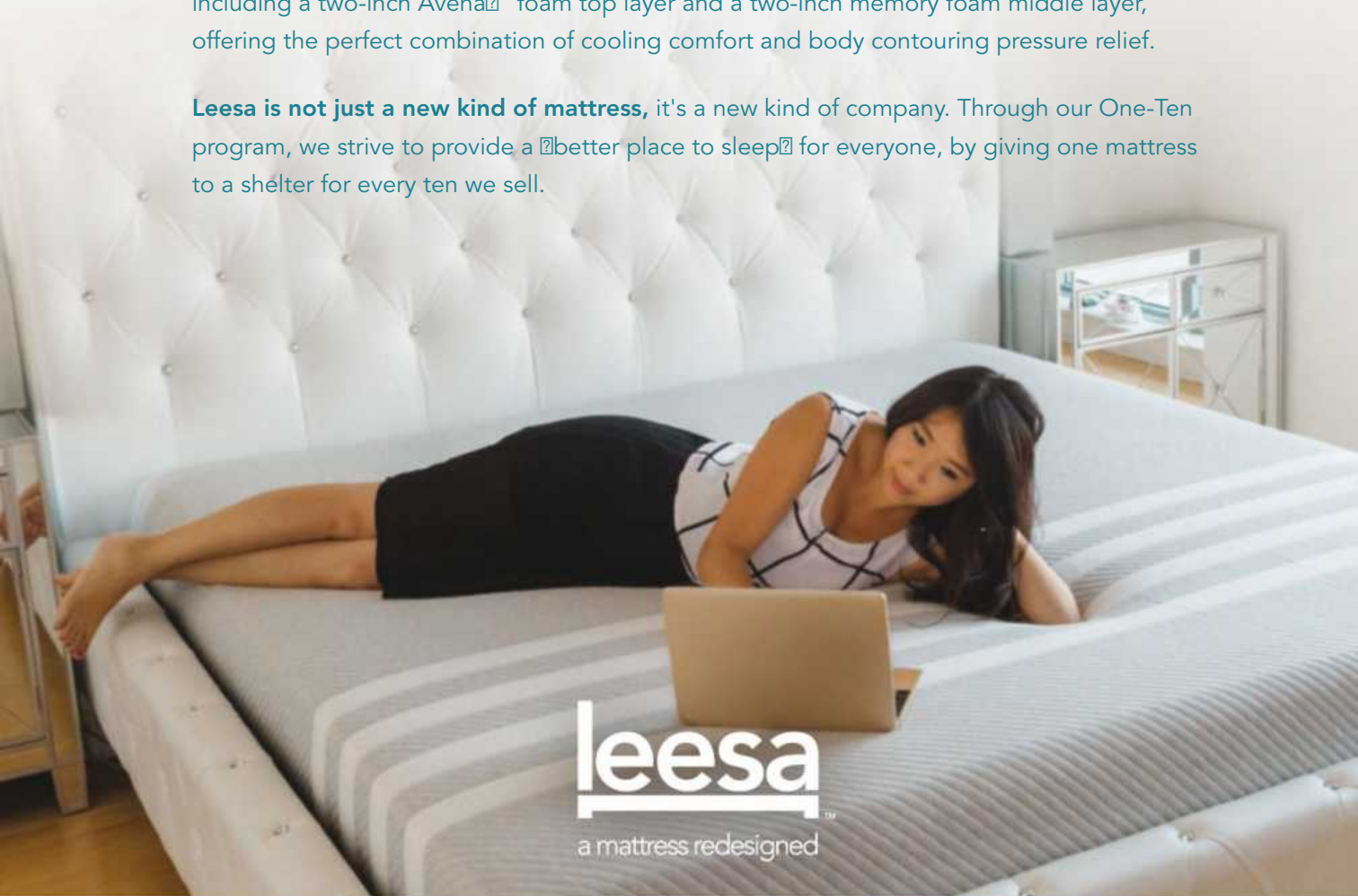
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# I Was Saved by My Faith

ONCE SUICIDAL, THE *ALL THAT* COMEDIAN IS SHINING AGAIN  
By **PATRICK GOMEZ**

**K**el Mitchell has always known how to make people laugh. Whether it was taking a “Good Burger” order or professing his love for orange soda on his hit ’90s Nickelodeon series *Kenan & Kel*, the former child star shone bright at a young age. But in 2004, a decade after finding fame, the comedian was at a “crossroads” professionally as his marriage of six years crumbled. He fell into a depression, was using drugs and even contemplated suicide. “I felt like I’d hit a wall,” he says. “I was like, ‘Okay. I need to figure out what I need to do in my life.’”

At a loss, he turned to God. “I was trying to figure it all out on my own,” says the actor. “But what I needed to do was turn to Him.” Now Mitchell, 37, says finding faith helped him put his life back together. In September he returned to



Mitchell (with, from left, Thomas Kuc, Madisyn Shipman, Cree Cicchino and Benjamin Flores Jr.) on *Game Shakers*.



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**"We all stay in contact via Twitter and Facebook," Mitchell (left, with Kenan Thompson in *Good Burger*) says of his *All That* costars (above, in October).**



the spotlight on the network that made him a star. "It's a dream-come-true role," he says of playing a music mogul on the new sitcom *Game Shakers*, about a team of preteen tech entrepreneurs. (This time he's the dad.) "Once I found that clarity with Christ, I knew everything would work out."

Embracing his faith is a return to the ideals instilled in him as a child. The grandson of a pastor, Mitchell grew up on the South Side of Chicago. His parents feared their young "class clown" would "fall into the wrong crowd," so they got him involved in community theater. He found commercial and stage work, but his big break came in his sophomore year of high school when he was offered the chance to audition for Nickelodeon's *All That*. "I was in the middle of finals and I was late to the audition. I forgot my monologue and knocked over the camera on the way out," Mitchell recalls of vying for a spot on the kids' sketch comedy show. "But I kind of played [the accident] off, and they thought it was funny... and the rest is history."

Mitchell's chemistry with his *All That* costar Kenan Thompson led to their 1996 sitcom *Kenan & Kel* and their 1997 movie *Good Burger*. Though there are rumors they feuded, Mitchell insists, "I enjoyed the entire experience." But by

2000 Mitchell's two Nickelodeon series had ended, and film opportunities were scarce. "As a young actor there are ups and downs. And when you get to that down part, there are times you feel like no one can relate to you," says Mitchell. "When Britney Spears shaved her head, I understood that."

In 2004 he went through a divorce from Tyisha Hampton, the mother of his son Lyric, 16, and daughter Allure, 13. "After my divorce I just felt like life was not working out," he says. Mitchell has admitted he felt "suicidal" and "deep in sin" and used drugs during his darkest moments. Feeling "lost and

looking for answers," he became the stage manager at a nondenominational Christian church in L.A. "Before, it was just about me, but now it is more about Christ. That's when things started to turn around in my life," Mitchell says. "I went through a rough time, but now I actually have peace."

That peace includes his relationships with his children and his new wife, Asia Lee, a designer and rapper whom he wed three years ago. "She's my best friend. We have a lot of fun together," Mitchell says of Lee, who also serves as an assistant to their pastor. "We just love working there."

At his day job Mitchell enjoys mentoring his young costars, including Cree Cicchino and Madisyn Shipman. "I'm seeing the lights come on in them and their excitement of being on their first show," he says. "It's amazing to be seeing their dreams coming true."

And he still has some dreams of his own. "I think it would be awesome to have more kids," says Mitchell, who has also been devoting time to stand-up and motivational speaking. "I enjoy living this life. I don't let things frustrate or worry me anymore," he says with a smile. "I don't do that because I have peace in my heart." ●



**"We started out as friends, and that made for a beautiful relationship," Mitchell says of his wife, Asia Lee.**







✿ BINDI IRWIN ✿

# DATING, DANCING & MY DAD

THE 17-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER OF THE  
LATE STEVE IRWIN IS FORGING HER 'OWN PATH'  
AS A FRONT-RUNNER ON *DANCING WITH  
THE STARS*—AND FINDING A NEW KIND OF LOVE  
*By* **PATRICK GOMEZ** *Photographs by* **ARI MICHELSON**



"Dad was our  
superhero,"  
says Bindi  
(with her  
father, Steve,  
in 2005).



Even if you never heard her last name—or watched her childhood antics alongside her father—it’s pretty easy to tell that Bindi Irwin is the daughter of conservationist and *Crocodile Hunter* star Steve Irwin. Take, for instance, what she considers a highlight of a drive with mom Terri and brother Robert through the star-studded Los Angeles landscape. “We were all getting excited about the squirrels,” the 17-year-old says. “We don’t have those at home.” The American rodents are just one of the new and exciting things Bindi has experienced since her family temporarily traded the wilderness of Australia for the hills of Hollywood while she competes on season 21 of *Dancing with the Stars*. “I was a

bit blown away by everything,” the young conservationist says of becoming an early fan favorite and scoring the season’s first perfect 10 in October. “I was scared at first, but I’m so glad I’ve been a part of this. I’m learning things that will be with me the rest of my life.”

Bindi was just 8 years old when Steve died in 2006. “You are forever a different person,” she says of losing her 44-year-old father, who had been working on the documentary series *Ocean’s Deadliest* when he was attacked by a stingray off the coast of northern Australia. “Dad was the strongest person I’ve ever known. And when the strongest person is taken away, you kind of go, ‘Oh my goodness. What are we going to do?’” But Bindi persevered and found what would become her great passion in life: preserving her father’s legacy. “I want to make sure who he was is reflected in everything I do,” says Bindi, who has become an essential part of the success of her family’s Australia Zoo in Queensland. She has also devoted herself to traveling the world spreading the message of

their conservation nonprofit Wildlife Warriors—and now she is following in her father’s footsteps by becoming a television personality in her own right. “I really want to take everything Dad worked for and everything my family represents and all of my dreams and goals and combine them and push them out to the world.”



**Part of representing her father means** giving guided tours to VIP visitors at Australia Zoo, where Bindi works and lives. It was during one of those tours that she met Chandler Powell, 18, a professional wakeboarder in town for a competition. “I made a joke about ask-

ing her to do it because it was a group of young wakeboarders that happened to be all guys,” Terri, 51, says of teasing her daughter before the tour in November 2013. “I thought it was tongue-in-cheek funny.” But Bindi was the one who walked away with a smile. “I have such an amazing boyfriend,” she says now of Powell, who reached out to Terri to ask for permission to correspond with Bindi after she’d been his tour guide. Though Powell is attending college in Florida, Bindi says the two stay in contact via Skype and FaceTime, which she considers a luxury compared with how her U.S.-based mom and Australian dad communicated while dating. “They could really only write to one another because calls cost so much. They’d hear from each other every 10 days,” says Bindi. “I’m blessed to live in this day and age where Chandler is just a phone call away.” The young couple see each other in person every “two to three months,” but Bindi has to share those visits with her mother and 11-year-old brother. “I always feel bad because Chandler and Robert really like each other,” Terri says of her daughter’s “lovely, kind of

old-fashioned” boyfriend and her son. “We’ll be on a picnic, and the boys will go off exploring together and Bindi’s stuck with me, going, ‘Well, I wonder when they’re going to be back?’”

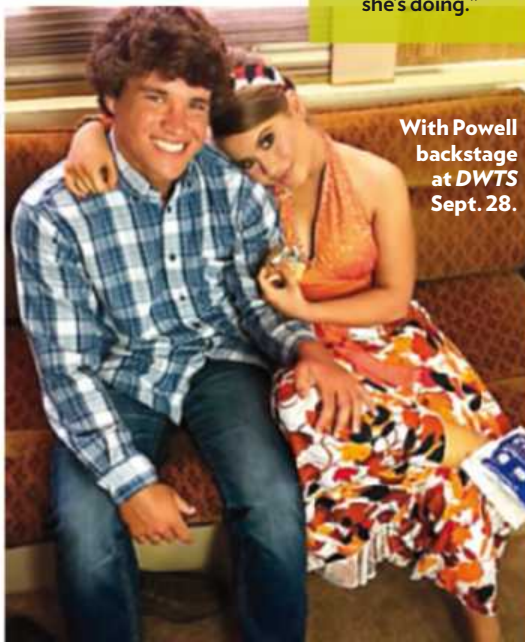
Luckily Bindi isn’t the type to give in to adolescent angst—in fact, she claims she’s never gone through a rebellious stage. “I keep waiting for it, like, one day I’ll just wake up and feel like going crazy, but so far it hasn’t happened. It just doesn’t appeal to me,” says Bindi. “I think my most rebellious times are on my birthdays, when I go out and get Chinese food, bring it home and watch a movie or read a book with a cup of tea.” She recently graduated from high school, has already received a degree certificate in business and plans to tackle a tourism cer-



With Hough on *DWTS* Oct. 19.

### THE MEN IN HER LIFE

“I appreciate her work ethic and humility,” says Derek Hough. Adds boyfriend Chandler Powell: “She’s amazing. I have a lot of respect for what she’s doing.”



With Powell backstage at *DWTS* Sept. 28.





"She's just so beautiful and having so much fun," Robert (with his mom and sister in September) says of Bindi.

tificate next. "I've really been focusing on getting through school so that I can focus on what I love: my conservation work, working at Australia Zoo and filming. Those things are where my heart truly lies," says Bindi, who doesn't plan on moving away from the zoo any time soon. "Home will always be Australia."



**Not that she's against a detour or two.** In August Bindi and her family settled in Los Angeles so she could begin rehearsing for *DWTS*. "We'd just come from our annual crocodile research trip," Bindi says of spending the previous month at the Steve Irwin Wildlife Reserve. "I took a shower the night before we flew here, and the amount of dirt and mud that came off of me was phenomenal." The

contrast between her life in Australia and the spray tans and sequins of *DWTS* is not lost on the teenager, who is grateful her pro-dancer partner, Derek Hough, has allowed her to gradually graduate from 2-in. to 3-in. heels. "I've had extraordinary teachers. They've taught me so much—not just about dancing but also life," says Bindi. "I arrived quite nervous, but I'm growing as a person. I've found the strength to step out of my comfort zone." She relied on that strength on Oct. 5 when she broke down in tears after performing a contemporary routine dedicated to her father. "That was all about remembering the fact that Dad is always with me and I

**'Bindi has always been the most beautiful caterpillar, but now she's a butterfly'**  
—TERRI IRWIN

carry him in my heart," she says of dancing to a cover of "Every Breath You Take" by the Police. "I focused on the positive and enjoyed every moment of the dance, but then I let [the tears] out."

Bindi hopes she makes it to the finals of *DWTS*, but she's also looking forward to returning to Australia—

and beginning the process of getting her driver's license. "It's a little like stepping off the edge," she says of entering adulthood. "I'm thinking, 'Am I going to do everything right?' But nothing is ever easy. We're all met with life-changing events. You just have to take them in your stride and accept the adventure. I'm ready to take on the world." ●





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# CATCHING UP WITH 2005'S SEXIEST MAN ALIVE



## MATTHEW McCONAUGHEY

The 46-year-old Oscar winner—who graced the cover of *People*'s 20th-anniversary issue of Sexiest Man Alive in 2005—insists the best part about getting older has been “customizing my life and priorities,” he says. Having met “quite a few” of his fellow cover honorees, the Texas-bred *Interstellar* star picks Anthony Hopkins as the dark-horse winner for this year. Regardless of who gets the crown, McConaughey has a few words of wisdom to pass along: “Remember, it’s like being a President,” he says. “Once you’re out of office, you are still a President. So as long as you’re ‘alive,’ you’ve still got the title.”

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## Ryan Blair

**AS A HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT** in Ventura, Calif., Ryan Blair spent time living in a toolshed, digging through Dumpsters for food. He joined a gang and landed in jail, but he turned his life around at 17 and by 21 had launched his first tech company. Now 38, the CEO of ViSalus, a weight-loss products and fitness company with more than \$300 million in sales, lives by his advice to others: "Every step you take in the right direction is a mile away from where you were."

### A Troubled Kid

After his parents' marriage ended, money was tight, and the family moved into a crime-ridden neighborhood, where Blair fell in with a bad crowd. At 14, he traded school for gang life, dealing drugs and burglarizing homes. After nearly a dozen arrests, Blair saw an old man in handcuffs and shackles in jail and "suddenly I realized, 'I want more out of my life,'" he recalls.

### Starting Over

Blair's mother later married wealthy real estate entrepreneur Bob Hunt, who taught the 17-year-old about sales. "He said, 'You're smarter than me; you can do better than me.'" Blair returned to school, and while studying business at California Lutheran University, the self-taught computer whiz started his first tech company. He sold his second venture for \$25 million.

### Success—and Failure

Since then, he's built a fortune creating and selling businesses—

he inked a \$792 million deal in 2008 for ViSalus—but views his missteps as teaching moments too: "Some things work, some don't. A strategy might be a failure, but learn from it and turn it around."

### Making Amends

In his 2011 book *Nothing to Lose*, which was later made into a documentary, Blair apologized to those he hurt during his criminal years. Today he visits juvenile-detention centers to tell his story to young inmates. "When you build self-esteem and confidence," he says, "it becomes addictive."

### Giving Back

The Blair Foundation, launched in 2008, donates millions to fight poverty and help at-risk teens. Since his son Reagan, 6, was diagnosed with autism in 2011, he also funds autism charities. "The only reason I've been so successful," he says, "is to do something tremendous with it."

—JOHNNY DODD

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1981

### STARTING OUT

In his early years, "we were doing pretty well," Blair says. Hard times hit after his parents divorced in 1990.



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### HIS MENTOR

"He believed I could be successful," says Blair (with stepdad Bob Hunt, who died in 2010).



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### DOTING DAD

"I cried the day I found out my son had autism," says Blair (with Reagan, whom he co-parents with the boy's mother). "I don't pretend to know all about autism, but I attack every issue. Reagan's my hero."



### WINNING DRIVE

"Never in a million years did I imagine I'd have the life I have today," says Blair (at his Hollywood home). "I'm here to inspire people and provide hope for people to achieve success."





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## Quinoa with Apples & Cashews

THE AUTHOR OF *COOKING LIKE A MASTER CHEF* ADDS 'TEXTURE AND SWEETNESS' TO THIS FALL DISH

### Expert Tip!

"Now that I'm focusing on living healthy, I'm always on the lookout for simple, wholesome meals," says Elliot, who lost nearly 150 lbs. since undergoing a sleeve gastrectomy in 2013. "This recipe is a great source of protein and is easy to prepare."

- 3 tbsp. plus 1 tsp. extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 1½ cups red quinoa
- 2 large apples, cored and diced
- 3 tbsp. apple juice
- 2 tbsp. fresh lemon juice
- 2 tsp. apple cider vinegar
- ½ cup chopped toasted cashews
- 1 shallot, chopped
- 1 tbsp. chopped flat-leaf parsley
- 1 tbsp. minced chives
- 1½ tsp. chopped fresh tarragon
- 1 tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. freshly ground black pepper

**1.** In a large saucepan, heat 1 tsp. olive oil over medium-high heat. When hot, toast the quinoa for about 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Carefully add 3 cups of hot water. Reduce the heat to low, cover the pot, and simmer for about 15 to 20 minutes, until all the liquid has been absorbed. Remove from the heat and let the quinoa stand for about 5 minutes.  
**2.** Fluff the quinoa with a fork, and add the apples, apple juice, lemon juice and vinegar. Cover and set aside for about 15 minutes.  
**3.** Add the cashews, shallot, parsley, chives and tarragon, and toss to combine. Add in 3 tbsp. olive oil, and season with salt and pepper. Serve warm or at room temperature.

**Serves:** 6

**Prep time:** 15 minutes, plus resting

**Cook time:** 25 minutes

*Per serving:*  
328 calories,  
15g fat, 8g protein,  
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**Expert Tip!**

If your honey has crystallized or is too thick to pour, place the jar in a pot of warm water for 10 minutes, say DuBoise and Tingle.

- 1/3 cup plus 1/2 cup gluten-free oats, divided
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. Himalayan sea salt
- 1/2 tbsp. cinnamon
- 2 eggs
- 2 tbsp. raw honey
- 2 very ripe bananas, mashed smooth
- 1 cup chopped apples
- 1 cup chopped walnuts

- 1.** Preheat oven to 400°. Line a 12-cup muffin tin or lightly grease with coconut oil.
  - 2.** Pulse 1/3 cup oats in a food processor until it's the consistency of flour.
  - 3.** Combine the processed oat flour, 1/2 cup whole oats, baking powder, baking soda, salt and cinnamon in a medium bowl.
  - 4.** In a large bowl, mix eggs, honey and mashed bananas. Add dry ingredients to banana mixture; stir until combined. Fold in apples and walnuts.
  - 5.** Fill muffin tins evenly, and garnish with additional apple slices and walnuts, if desired. Bake for 18 to 20 minutes, or until baked through. Remove from muffin tin, and cool on wire rack.
- Makes:** 12 muffins  
**Prep time:** 15 minutes  
**Cook time:** 20 minutes  
*Per serving:* 130 calories, 7g fat, 3g protein, 16g carbs, 7g sugar

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2.



### A NOBLE BEGINNING

Ceylon Orange Pekoe is one of the finest black teas. But contrary to its name, there is no fruit in the tea. The name came from the Dutch, who started importing teas in the 17th century. The finest teas were reserved for the royal family, also known as the House of Orange. Later, Orange Pekoe became a term used in grading the size and quality of black teas.

3.



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EPCOT FOOD &amp; WINE

## Chicken & Mushroom Marsala

TRY THIS COMFORTING DISH AT THE DISNEY PARK'S ITALIAN PAVILION DURING THE 2015 FESTIVAL IN ORLANDO

- 1 lb. chicken breast tenders
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 ½ tsp. coarse salt, divided
- ¾ tsp. freshly ground black pepper, divided
- ¼ cup canola oil
- 8 oz. cremini mushrooms, stemmed and cut into 1-in. pieces
- ½ cup dry Marsala wine
- ½ cup chicken stock
- 2 tbsp. unsalted butter
- ¼ cup chopped flat-leaf parsley or chives, plus more for garnish

1. Place chicken on a cutting board in a single layer, and cover with plastic wrap. Lightly pound using flat end of a meat mallet until tenderloins are ¼-in. thick.
2. Stir together flour, ½ tsp. salt and ½ tsp. pepper in a wide, shallow bowl.
3. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat until shimmering. Dip chicken pieces in the flour mixture, turning to coat both sides. Shake off excess flour and place in the heated skillet. Cook 3 minutes on each side, or until golden and cooked through. Remove from skillet and keep warm.
4. Add mushrooms to skillet

and sauté over medium-high heat for 5 minutes, until water has evaporated and mushrooms are browned. Season with remaining 1 tsp. salt and ¼ tsp. pepper. Add wine, and bring to a boil over medium heat for 1½ minutes, or until reduced by half. Add chicken stock, and simmer for 5 minutes, until sauce reduces slightly. Stir in butter.

5. Return chicken to pan, and simmer gently for 1 minute to heat through. Garnish with parsley or chives before serving.

**Serves:** 4

**Prep time:** 15 minutes

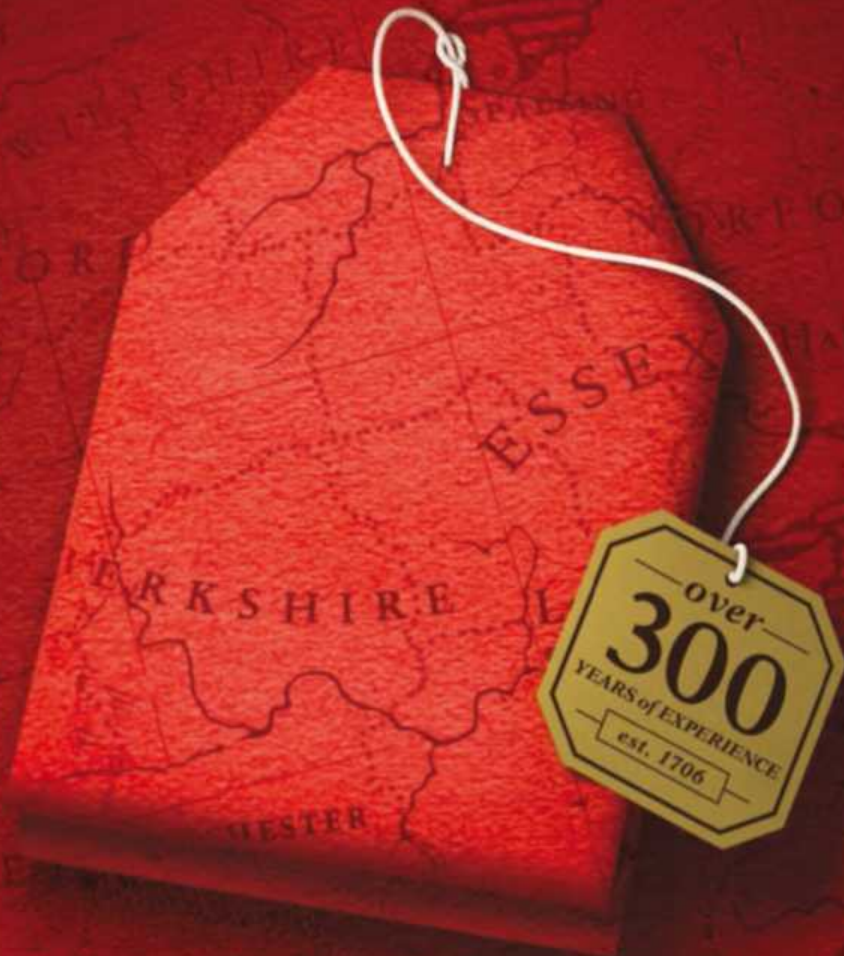
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**Starry Nights**  
"I still get starstruck," admits Bozzi with a laugh. "Dustin Hoffman came in, and I didn't know what to say!"

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# The Palm Beverly Hills

THE STEAK HOUSE HAS BEEN A HOT COMMODITY FOR NEARLY A CENTURY

## IT'S BEEN A LOS ANGELES

institution for more than four decades, filled with the most powerful and famous faces of the day. But since the Palm moved from West Hollywood to its new Beverly Hills location last year, the hot spot has become even hotter. "One of the challenges of being a 90-year-old business is staying relevant," says executive vice president Bruce Bozzi, whose great-grandfather founded the famed steak-house chain in 1926. "You always have to be listening to your customers and paying attention to what's going on." To that end Bozzi kept some of the framed celebrity caricatures that help define the Palm ("Whimsy and cartoons have always been a part of our stories"), but also commissioned a large mural of L.A. landmarks "to pay tribute to the city that it's in," he says. And despite the fact the eatery is frequented by A-listers like Gwyneth Paltrow, Rob Lowe and Sarah Jessica Parker (she goes crazy for the linguini with clam sauce), "we treat everyone like a celebrity," Bozzi says. "We have such pride in service. It's a place where people celebrate life, whether it's a business deal, an anniversary or a new baby. And that's cool. I don't know how many places can say that."

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"People come back because of the consistency," says Bozzi (above, with friend Mark Consuelos). "They know they're going to get a meal that they love."



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TALKING SCENTS  
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# Sarah Jessica Parker

IN HONOR OF THE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF HER 'LOVELY' FRAGRANCE, THE STAR OPENS UP ABOUT TURNING 50, THOSE WILD HEADPIECES AND HER 'PRACTICAL' HAIR ROUTINE

**Lovely is 10! What's your favorite thing about the scent?**

It's the musk. And I think that's the most surprising thing about it too. Remember, 10 years ago that note didn't really exist in a women's fragrance. **What does New York City smell like to you?** It smells like memory: the heat of the subway, pizza, garbage, chestnuts, hot asphalt, music and taxis. I know what turns a lot of people off about the city is the objectionable odors, but I feel nostalgic

about them rather than disgusted.

**Do you have a beauty philosophy?**

I don't think I have one. I learn a lot from other women and I try to be crafty about asking them. But I'm pretty good about washing my face, even when I'm tired. My husband [Matthew Broderick] is always like, "What does it matter?" because he has perfect skin. And I also wear fragrance-free moisturizer and SPF 30 on my face and body.

**What about your hair?** I can't do my hair. I shower and I go to sleep with my head wet, and I let the chips fall where they may. I think I'm like most women in [that] I do what I have to do to get the kids out the door and be presentable at a meeting. Practicality dictates. And every now and then you're in a skilled hairdresser's very capable hands

and you can just read a book, and that's nice.

**We love when you wear a headpiece. What do your kids think of them?**

The girls tend to want to try them on, which I always let them do, very carefully.

**You turned 50 in March; how does it feel?**

I don't think you

can know, when you're in something, what it feels like. I continue to feel like me: on my best days, on my worst days, on days I disappoint myself, on days I'm proud. I'm sure later I'll think about what it felt like. You know, we all look back like, "Oh, in my 20s I was this and this."

**What would you tell your 25-year-old self?**

I would probably start with the same thing I tell myself today, which is, Don't ever let other people's opinion of you be your opinion of yourself. But I think any advice you're going to give yourself is kind of immaterial, because

it's so necessary to have those experiences. You would think you'd tell yourself A, B and C relative to those things, but the truth is, you wouldn't do it any other way.



THE ACTRESS IN 1991 AT AGE 25!



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When designing the bottle for her first fragrance, *Lovely*, Parker drew inspiration from an ornament in her home.

"The cap was based on the top of a chair that I've had for longer than I've known my husband," she says.



**Lovely** by Sarah Jessica Parker, \$62 for 3.4 oz.; cvs.com

**ABOUT HER STATEMENT-MAKING TOPPERS**

Parker says her Philip Treacy showstoppers are "a temporary resident in our house. They come in, and we all marvel at them, and then they're gone." But after she turns heads in these larger-than-life accessories, where do they end up? Reveals Parker: "[Treacy] does let me keep them, but they have to go into archive!"



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## Sarah Silverman

THE COMEDIAN, 44,  
REINVENTS HERSELF  
AS A DRAMATIC  
ACTRESS IN THE NEW  
FILM *I SMILE BACK*

### Last moment of bliss

When my boyfriend [actor Michael Sheen] and I are lying in bed and watching *American Ninja Warrior*. I snuggle up to him and I say, "These are the best times!"

### Last indulgence

Ooh, I just remodeled my kitchen. The microwave is underneath in a drawer, which is nice, and there's a built-in doggy bowl. I live in a little apartment, and I was like, "I deserve a kitchen that works!"

### Last time I was embarrassed

I was having lunch with my boyfriend and his parents, and the table was wobbly. I go, "Why don't they just make tables that are even?" And they just looked at me like, "It's the floor that's uneven." And I was like, "Oh, hi, I'm 44 and I just realized that."

### Last time I cried

Yesterday was my mom's first birthday since she passed away. I was looking in the pantry and found a needlepoint she had made. On the back, she had written, "Happy 27th birthday, your mama loves you." It was so random to find that on her birthday. It was beautiful.

### Last time I was starstruck

I was at a restaurant and Oprah came over and she said my full name, "Sar-ah Silver-mannnn!" I just went straight into her arms and rested my head on her bosom. That's probably the closest I'll get to meeting the Pope.

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